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Lower taxes possible for flood homes

By Brian Messenger and Judy Wakefield

Condominium owners made homeless by the Mother's Day flooding could pay lower taxes in 2007.

If you can't live in your home, that decreases its value, says Town Assessor Bruce Symmes. Homes with lower values pay less in taxes.

The town recently sent out a questionnaire to condominium residents who were hit hard by the flooding. Symmes said that questionnaire included a pivotal question: "What was the condition of your home on July 1, 2006?"

Dozens of families at both Washington Park on North Main Street and the Balmoral Condominiums on Balmoral Street could check off that their homes were "unoccupiable." In fact, that is still the answer for about 40 residents at Washington Park who remain displaced, nearly five months after the Shawsheen River flooded their complex next to the Shawsheen Plaza.

The assessor said it is too early to estimate how much less money the town might collect as a result of the flooding. But it looks as if many first-floor condominium owners will have a lower assessment than the previous year, which will result in a lower tax bill. In Andover, the tax rate is \$11.40 for every \$1,000 of property valuation. The first quarter payment for 2007 property tax bills are due on Feb. 1.

All residents, including flood victims, have a right to dispute the assessed value of their home, and can seek a lower value by asking for an abatement.

"If someone thinks the tax bill reflects an over-valued (condominium), that's when the abatement process can begin," Symmes explained. "They will be valued accordingly. All those

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REASSESSING CHESTNUT BUMPOUTS



Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Engineer Brian Moore spent hours on Chestnut Street last week to determine if planned bumpouts and newly installed curbing need to be redesigned. Selectmen expect to vote at their next meeting on whether to redo part of the \$858,000 project.

Manager: Stay the course

By Brian Messenger

Redoing the new curbing on Chestnut and Whittier streets will cost less than expected – about \$25,000 – but the town manager wants to give the project a chance before ripping it up.

"I basically recommended that we keep the current design as is and basically monitor it through the winter and spring," said Stapczynski, who along with members of the town's public works and police departments spent two hours on Chestnut Street last Wednesday, observing vehicles as they navigated the street.

Some residents have complained to selectmen about the new curbing, which juts out into the road in spots to create a zig-zag pattern meant to slow traffic. Selectmen will vote on Stapczynski's recommendation at their next meeting, said Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli.

"It's meant to be a traffic-calming project. And at this time I think it's working," said Stapczynski. "I'm confident it will be successful."

Stapczynski, Public Works Director Jack Petkus, Police Chief Brian Pattullo and Town Engineer

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Cabana can stay

Owners pay \$1,500 fine, install drainage system

By Brian Messenger

Shelter finally arrived on Tuesday for the owners of the cabana project at 3 Hazelwood Drive, after the town Conservation Commission voted to recognize a solution crafted by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

The cabana will not have to be torn down, but owners Daniel and Lynn Marie Gibson will have to pay a fine and install an improved drainage system for the lot surrounding their pool and cabana.

The administrative consent order was issued Oct. 2 by the state DEP. It says the Gibsons must also pay the state a civil administrative penalty of \$1,500 for violating the Wetlands Protection Act, after failing to receive proper approval from the state before beginning construction within the 100-foot "buffer zone" around vegetated wetlands. The Gibsons had received initial verbal approval to build the project by then-Andover Conservation Director James Greer in October 2004.

The lawyer representing the Gibsons, Mark Johnson, said at the beginning of the commission meeting Tuesday that his side would accept the penalty, and that, "It is our hope it will resolve the problems the Gibsons have had with the commission."

Opponents of the cabana project, whose surrounding properties had been affected by the construction near the wetland area, asked the commission for more time to review the plans for the drainage system outlined by the state.

"We ask that you delay any approval for at least two weeks so we can review the plan," said Catherine Hauer of 4 Hazelwood Circle.

Only commissioner Gail Ralston did not approve the state order.

"We're very happy that there's a resolution. We're very happy that the Gibsons can move forward, and that the Conservation Commission can move forward to

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No deal yet on crossing guard

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Over the river and through the woods...

Pedestrian advocates seek footbridge over Shawsheen River to connect with playground

By Judy Wakefield

As four lanes of traffic whiz by on a busy North Main Street, two long-time pedestrian advocates open a broken gate and descend toward the Shawsheen River. The path is overgrown. The river is serenely calm this Tuesday morning.

And the two Andover residents imagine what it would be like if a footbridge was built to allow people near Shawsheen Plaza to walk over the river and enjoy the Shawsheen fields and playgrounds.

"It's a treasure," advocate Margaret Pustell says of the often pesky river, which flooded again this spring. "We just need this footbridge and people around here could enjoy picnics and walking trails."

Pustell and her group, Andover Community Paths, have been pushing to build a wooden footbridge over the Shawsheen River for years. The bridge would be built near 259 North Main St., across the street from the Frye Circle public housing on North Main Street, also known as

Route 28. The bridge would be nine feet high and connect the North Main Street side of the river to the other side of the river at Penguin Park Playground on Burnham Road. Walkers, bikers, runners and parents pushing baby carriages would benefit from the bridge and the path leading to it, says Pustell.

"The trail is ready, support is there. We just need the money and we're ready to go," says retired engineer Bob Marsh, who has designed a

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Trail talk

Learn more about a proposed \$165,000 footbridge over the Shawsheen River at an informational meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m., on the second floor of Memorial Hall Library.

Margaret Pustell and Bob Marsh, want to create a path to, and a bridge over, the Shawsheen River near North Main Street.



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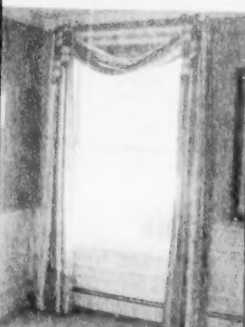
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Unions seek to bargain as one

By April Guilmet

Town employees hoping to bargain as one for their health insurance benefits will revisit the issue during the Oct. 10 Board of Selectmen meeting.

In April, union representatives made a proposal to selectmen, in hopes of adopting Section 19, a state law permitting public employees and municipalities to negotiate for health benefits outside of the normal collective bargaining unit.

Instead of having each individual union negotiate with the town, employee representatives could speak for all employees at once.

Currently the town must negotiate with each separate union before making any changes to employee health coverage.

"Right now, there are 15 groups with negotiation powers, though probably only 11 of those groups are recognized as actual unions," said town benefits and compensation manager Rita Marconi. Last spring, the groups unanimously approved adopting Section 19.

While all town employees are offered the same health insurance options, adopting Section 19 would irrevocably change the negotiation process, according to selectman Mary Lyman.

"One concern is how the taxpayers will benefit from this. Yes, some communities (with Section 19) may have experienced financial savings in the beginning, but it also compromises the negotiation process," Lyman said.

During the Sept. 25 Board of Selectmen meeting, the issue of coalition bargaining was raised.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said town attorney Michael Gillman has recommended against coalition bargaining.

"Our main issue has to do with the fact that this law is over 20 years old. And once you get into it, the municipality can't get out of it," Stapczynski said, although he noted town employees themselves would still be able to vote out of it.

"I'm just not sure if this is the best way to bargain," Stapczynski said. He plans to further address the issue during the Oct. 10 selectmen's meeting.

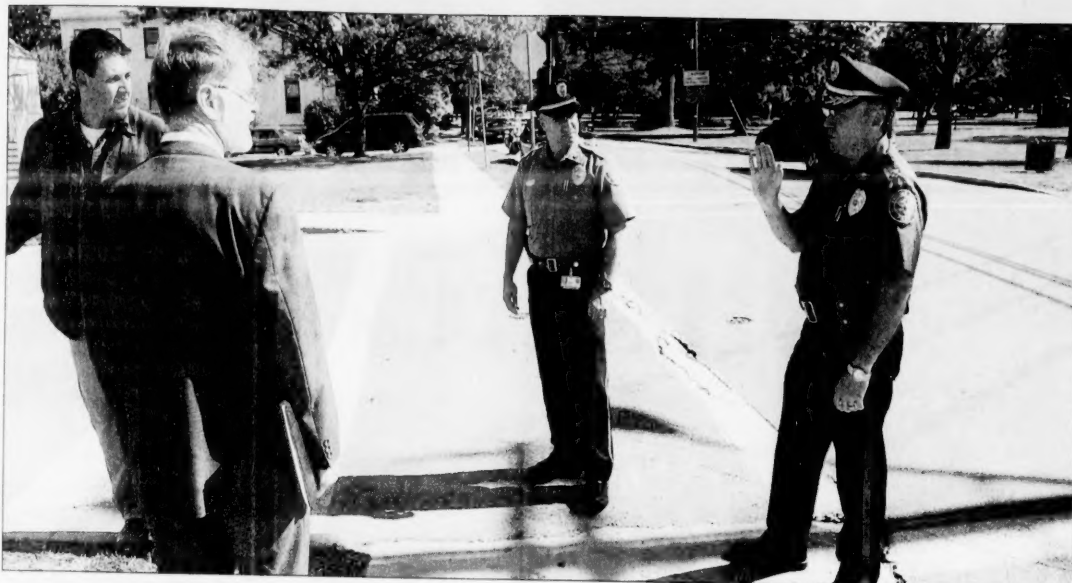
Selectman chairman Alex Vispoli said a vote on coalition bargaining may be held during the meeting, although that has not yet been decided.

Tom Meyers, president of the Andover Education Association, the local teacher's union, said that some of the unions had not been aware this issue would be discussed on Sept. 25, and hoped the vote would take place at a later date.

"Not everyone knew about this - and it would really benefit both the town employees and the selectmen to hold an open discussion," Meyers said.

He believes that moving forward with Section 19 "could save the town a substantial amount of money towards healthcare costs," adding that such has been the case in other towns, including Methuen and Lexington.

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Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski (second from left) consults with public works, engineering and police officials to ensure that problems should not arise when planned bumpouts are installed at the Chestnut and Bartlett streets intersection.

Bumpouts part of Main Street plan

CHESTNUT STREET

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Brian Moore have spoken to residents who live near the area where construction has occurred. Eight portions of extended curbing jut out into Chestnut Street between intersections at Whittier and Morton streets.

A final bumpout, at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets, has been under construction this week.

According to Vispoli, the town manager's recommendation estimates that redoing the project would cost around \$25,000. Residents appropriated \$858,000 for the project when they approved a "sidewalk reconstruction" article at 2005 Town Meeting.

"It actually is a little lower than I thought it was going to

be," said Vispoli of the estimate.

Other aspects of the recommendation, which selectmen received on Friday night, include tracking all reports of accidents that occur in the area, and reducing the speed limit from 30 miles per hour down to 25, he said.

"We'll look and see if there's any problems in terms of accident activity, blown tires," said Stapczynski. "We'll look at the neighborhood's satisfaction of it (and balance that with the drivers' concerns.)"

Stapczynski said the sidewalk construction on Whittier Street, which also calls for extended curbing, has gone on as scheduled. Selectmen had inquired about altering the plans there to avoid what they perceived as an unfavorable reaction to the construction by many residents.

Stapczynski said that if any changes are to be made on Chestnut and Whittier streets, they would likely only come after more public hearings on the matter. Three such hearings took place before construction began on the current projects.

"It's an accepted traffic-calming measure," said Public Works Director Petkus on the strategy to use extended curbing. "My

recommendation would be not to do a knee-jerk reaction ... Once it's been there for a while, people may tend to accept it."

Petkus said finishing touches on the project, including laying new pavement, won't be fully completed until the spring or summer. He urged patience with adjusting to the new traffic pattern, saying people who have a real problem with it drive too fast in the first place.

"We talked to a lot of people out there," said Petkus of his time on Chestnut Street last Wednesday. "There's overwhelming support for it. And that's the residents who were out there."

Yet Selectman Mary Lyman said most people who have talked with selectmen have been against the new curbing, claiming that it is "too severe."

"We've heard comments from people who were for them and against them," said Stapczynski of the new curbs.

Stapczynski said he does not share some residents' concerns that snow plow drivers will hit the extended curbing. According to the town manager, they will be well prepared and able to avoid them despite snow piles.

"The municipal snow plow operators will deal with this successfully. I am certain of that," he said. "At the first snow storm it will not be the first time the driver has driven on Whittier and Chestnut streets."

Bumpouts and chicanes are traffic-calming methods used across the country, said Petkus. He said the more-than-\$2 million Main Street reconfiguration will "definitely" include bumpouts, extended curbing meant to prevent people from parking too close to intersections. The opening for public bidding on the Main Street project will be in November.

Residents can learn more about the Main Street project at a public information session scheduled for Nov. 15, said Vispoli.

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The Elm Street Service Station in Elm Square had a new owner in May 1957: Joseph W. Connor. The station featured Goodyear tires and batteries, Veedol oil and Tydol gasolines. The price on the pumps were 26, 28 and 38 cents a gallon. Today the site next to the Andover Spa is a glass replacement company.

Free bacterial pneumonia vaccines

The Andover Board of Health, as part of its adult immunization program, is offering free vaccinations to protect seniors against the serious disease of bacterial or pneumococcal pneumonia. Pneumococcal disease is an infectious disease that occurs in the elderly and people with weakened immune systems.

The Andover Health

Department has scheduled pneumonia vaccine clinics on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.; and Thursday, Oct. 19, from 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. by appointment only with the public health nurse. Call 978-623-8295 to make an appointment. Medical questions regarding the vaccine should be directed to one's private physician.

For the record

• Last week's article "Some victims still working on condos," said there are "at least four" flood victims still waiting to get back into their homes. There are approximately 40 homes at Washington Park that still need to be rebuilt.

• The course Careers in Music being offered Oct. 16 at Andover High School is being run through the Department of Community Services. Call DCS to sign up.

Fire open house

The Andover Fire and Rescue Department will have its open house on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the safety center, 32 North Main St.

Fire-prevention and carbon-monoxide information will be available. The fire safety house will be there so children and parents can learn how to escape from fires in their homes.

Complimentary pizza will be supplied by Papa Gino's.

Want to be a Mason?

"Square and Compass Day" an open house for the public and prospective members on Freemasonry will take place at St. Matthew's Masonic Lodge, 7 High St., Andover, on Saturday Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Tom Schnorrenberg at 781-324-3070 for more information.

Vocal opportunity

The Treble Chorus of New England, a classically based youth choir, is looking for children, ages 10-13, who love to sing. Rehearsals are on Mondays at West Parish Church in Andover. More than 50 Andover children are members of the choir.

Auditions will be by appointment on Monday, Oct. 9. Those interested can call 978-837-5461 or visit www.treblechorus.com for an audition time or more information.

Disability rights

Northeast Independent living Program Inc. of Lawrence will have its 26th annual meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The theme this year is "Celebrating Independence through Equal Access." National disability rights advocate John Chappell, deputy commissioner of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, will be the keynote speaker. Contact Jim Lyons at 978-687-4288.

Mother Connection

The Mother Connection Membership Social will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Little Monkeys Jungle Gym in Lawrence.

TMC also will host an open house social on Friday, Oct. 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. at West Parish Church in Andover.

Quote, unquote . . .

OUR CRITERIA (for crossing guards). What is it?"

— Selectman Mary Lyman, about what standards the town uses to decide if a crossing guard is needed at a school. Town officials have still not decided whether they will pay to have a crossing guard at St. Augustine School (Story in Townspeople, page 11)

News Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 5

Public Policy/Book, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 5:15 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Design Advisory Group, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Patriotic Holiday Committee, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor conference room.

6 p.m.

Andover Housing Committee, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 18

Andover Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

Board of Registrars, Town Offices, town clerk's office, 5 p.m.

Finance Committee, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Andover Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, first floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 24

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Immigration forum at Phillips Academy

As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, Phillips Academy will host a panel discussion, "Immigration in America: Closed Borders - Open Arms," on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium in the Elson Art Center. The event is open to the public. No tickets or reservations required.

The panel, organized by Andover's Office of Community and Multicultural Development, will focus on understanding the economic and demographic impact of legal and illegal immigration on communities across America, underlying assump-

tions Americans have about immigrants, and national and local initiatives to address the current waves of immigration.

Among the panelists will be Marcelo Suárez-Orozco, a professor at NYU Steinhardt School of Education, who will speak broadly about globalization and immigration in America. Suárez-Orozco lectures widely throughout the world and is the author of numerous scholarly essays, books, and edited volumes including: *Globalization: Culture and Education in the New Millennium* and *Latinos: Remaking America*.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - At 3:57 p.m., Violeta A. Delacruz, 36, of 82 Arlington St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license and revoked registration, driving without an inspection sticker or insurance, and attaching wrong plates to a motor vehicle.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - At 3:34 p.m., George L. Moreau, 54, of 19 Reservoir, Methuen, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

At 5:09 p.m., John P. Decoste, 44, of 11 Wright St., North Reading, was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

Friday, Sept. 29 - At 9:55 p.m., Daniel N. Ford, 51, of 50 York St., Andover, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 11:54 p.m., a juvenile was arrested on Dale Street and charged with possession of liquor as a person under 21.

Saturday, Sept. 30 - At 12:18 a.m., six juveniles ages 15 to 16, Taylor A. Beaucare, 17, of 1 Samos Lane, and Mathew J. Messina, 17, of 5 Partridge Hill Road, were arrested and charged for being persons under 21 in possession of alcohol after a caller reported a gathering at the end of Dale Street in the sand pits.

Saturday, Sept. 30 - At 2:27 a.m., Craig H. Fothergill, 22, of 187 Kendall Road, Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

At 8 a.m., Benny Rivera, 25, of 3 Newton St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with two counts of malicious destruction of property worth more than \$250, receiving stolen property worth more than \$250, carrying a firearm without a license, accessory after the fact, attempting to commit a crime, and conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

Sunday, Oct. 1 - At 12:37 a.m., Andrew D. Wight, 19, of 17 Mayfield Drive, Westbrook, Maine, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 6:47 p.m., Lori Thayer, 36, of 46 High St., Andover, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery on a police officer.

Monday, Oct. 2 - At 6:11 p.m., Debra L. Budd, 50, of 515 Riverside Drive, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 10:19 p.m., Sarah Hers, 20, of 329 High St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with violating an abuse prevention order.

At 12:28 a.m., Sean B. Ghamami, 17, of 16 Balmoral St., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and malicious destruction of property worth more than \$250.

At 1:33 p.m., Bruce E. Blamire, 49, of 134 Main St., Stoneham, was arrested and charged with a speeding violation, violation of a Department of Public Works sign, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and providing a false name to police.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - At 8:08 a.m., police responded to an ambulance call on Shawshen Road, where an adult who suffered electrical shock was transported by the fire department to a hospital.

At 9:16 a.m., police responded to a report that a man in a Range Rover on River Road was beating a female in the vehicle with a pair of vice grips. Officers reported that they later spoke to both parties in the vehicle and both stated no assault had taken place.

At 2:20 p.m., a man on Greenwood Road reported

there was a man on the roof of his car, trying to jump off of it to reach a tree. Officers advised the man to be careful and he stopped.

At 3:05 p.m., a woman reported that someone called the high school ranting about rapists in Canada and George Bush.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - At 11:34 p.m., officers went to Bullfinch Drive and found a 37-year-old female on the floor as an ambulance was responding.

Friday, Sept. 29 - At 9:37 a.m., a caller from a repossession company reported that two employees located on York Street were being threatened by a man they were trying to take a vehicle from. Police responded and the man was arrested.

Saturday, Sept. 30 - At 9:23 p.m., a man at Smithshire Estate reported that a brown-haired male had rung his doorbell wearing only underwear or a jock strap. An officer checked the area with negative results.

Sunday, Oct. 1 - At 1:20 a.m., a caller reported a large party with yelling and screaming on Bullfinch Drive. Officers responded, and a person living in the apartment will be summonsed to court for being a minor in possession.

At 1:52 p.m., a caller from Harrison Ice Rink on South Main Street requested an officer due to things getting out of hand on the ice after the referee had to throw a player out of the game. The teams had left the ice by the time officers arrived.

At 6:25 p.m., a Gould Road man reported someone had driven on his lawn that afternoon while he was out.

THEFTS

Saturday, Sept. 30 - At 10:38 a.m., a Lowell Street woman reported her boat stolen from Haggetts Pond.

Monday, Oct. 2 - At 1:59 p.m., an Andover Street resident reported some items missing and possibly stolen.

BREAKS

Thursday, Sept. 28 - At 7:53 p.m., a man from Miles Circle reported his house was broken into both that day and the day before.

Monday, Oct. 2 - At 3:13 p.m., a Chandler Road caller reported seeing two male suspects breaking into a church office, leaving the scene in a black sedan headed toward North Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - At 8:43 p.m., a man reported a red, two-door motor vehicle parked in front of his house that he believed belonged to a man who was stalking his daughter. The vehicle was gone upon an officer's arrival.

Friday, Sept. 29 - At 2:18 p.m., a woman's windshield was smashed by a deer on Shawshen Road. The vehicle was towed to a relatives house at the owner's request.

Sunday, Oct. 1 - At 11:57 p.m., a 911 call from Beacon St. reported that a car was in the fields of West Elementary School doing doughnuts. After a vehicle returned to the scene, officers arrested the driver after determining it was the same vehicle from when the original call came in.

Monday, Oct. 2 - At 11:52 p.m., a report of an injured 110-pound buck in the road on Lowell Street was called in by a passerby. A responding officer put the deer down, and animal control was notified.

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Shootout at hotel on River Road

Police say drug deal went bad

By Zach Church

A drug deal gone bad in a River Road hotel room prompted gunplay Saturday with shots fired in a hotel hallway and in a parking lot.

Police said two groups of people met about 7:30 a.m. in a second-floor room at the La Quinta Inn and Suites at 131 River Road. They intended to deal either cocaine or heroin or both drugs.

But the buyers had different plans, drawing guns and trying to make off with the drugs, Lt. William MacKenzie said.

"What it was was a drug ripoff," MacKenzie said. "They were going to rub (steal from) the drug dealer."

Not to be ripped off, the drug dealers pulled guns also, turning the robbery into a standoff, he said. The buyers then tried to escape.

But one of the people in the hotel room fired at the thieves as they left, lodging a bullet in a hallway wall and prompting a chase to the parking lot.

One person has been arrested and police are still searching for other suspects involved.

Hotel guests and staff reported hearing the shot.

"Some people thought it was a door" slamming shut, MacKenzie said. The hotel had already begun to serve a complimentary breakfast when the gunfire erupted.

The men ended up in the parking lot, where at least two more shots were fired. One bullet hit the side of a Chevrolet Tahoe. The other went through the driver's side window of a Chevrolet Trailblazer belonging to hotel guest Nancy Duprey.

"They found the bullet on the back seat," said Duprey, who was visiting the area from Naugatuck, Conn., to meet with a friend. "Our reaction is we just feel blessed that we weren't in the car."

Staff at the hotel witnessed

what happened in the parking lot and were able to write down the license plate of a car driving from the scene. Another person was seen darting into nearby woods. Police believe at least three more people were involved in the shootout, but do not know who those people are.

"Right now, we don't believe anyone was injured from the shots fired," MacKenzie said.

Hotel staff would not talk about the shootout, saying they did not have authorization to comment.

Police arrived soon after the gunfight and began an investigation led by Officer Pele James. A police dog was used to search the area, but turned up nothing. No drugs or cash were found in the hotel room, police said.

A check on the license plate seen by hotel staff led police to the Lawrence home of Benny Rivera, MacKenzie said. Police confiscated two pistols from Rivera, 25, of 4 Newton St., and arrested him in connection with the shootout, MacKenzie said.

Investigators believe Rivera was part of the group who planned to rob the drug dealers and that one of his guns was used to fire at least one shot in the parking lot of La Quinta.

Drug deals on the strip of River Road near Interstate 93 are not new to Andover police.

"There's a lot of drug activity out there. There's prostitution out there," MacKenzie said.

Rivera was charged with possession of a firearm without a license, malicious destruction of property, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to violate the controlled substances act and accessory after the fact. He was also charged with attempting to commit a crime because he tried to steal from the drug dealers, MacKenzie said.

Union negotiations

TOWN HEALTH CARE

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Section 19 has been successful in other towns, said John Brouder of Boston Benefit Partners, a firm specializing in employee benefit plans for both private and public sectors.

"There's a number of cities and towns who have used this approach - and none of those town's elected officials would have gone for it if it didn't save them money," Brouder said.

In 1993, Lexington became

the first city to adopt section 19. Other cities, such as Framingham, Methuen, Dracut and Tewksbury eventually followed suit, he said.

"For all these towns, it basically took a thorny situation and reached a solution - where all of the unions and the municipality sit down in the same room and reach an agreement," Brouder said.

He declined to offer an estimate on how much Andover might save.

Lower value, taxes for flooded homes

PROPERTY VALUES

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values will be adjusted."

Abatement must be filed in the assessor's office within 30 days of receiving a tax bill.

Symmes encouraged people to act swiftly if they want to file an abatement as he once had a fire victim miss the deadline by just one day. As a result, the owner had to pay taxes on the full value of the property for the entire year.

"There's nothing the assessors can do. It's not that we're cold-hearted. It's just that we

don't have the power to do anything," he said.

Washington Park had 56 ground floor units heavily damaged by flooding and Andover Senior Center workers have been knocking on doors and leaving flyers in an effort to learn exactly how many people have been displaced.

"We have determined that about 40 people were displaced and over two-thirds of them are seniors," said Kathy Urquhart, director.

Symmes said many of them have called his office with tax bill questions as they have been

unable to live in their homes. He works within state laws and said the town is doing all it legally can to help flood victims.

"There will be an adjustment made on those properties. There's nothing we can do just because they can't occupy it," he said. "Anything more than that would be legislative relief ... because we're governed by state law."

He also said the damaged condos will be handled "case by case." The condo owners must file abatements, not the condo association.

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Town washes hands of poolhouse issue

■ CABANA

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other items as well," Johnson said.

Donald Cooper, the commission's chairman, said that the board had already discussed at length the issues surrounding the cabana project at their meeting two weeks ago.

"This is a negotiated settlement, a very well negotiated settlement," he said.

Cooper said it is not in the commission's interest to pursue litigation for the cabana's construction, because the Gibsons had been granted verbal permission on the project by the former conservation director, and because the state DEP ruled that the cabana "was not built into the wetlands, but approximate to the wetlands."

"That also is a very crucial point in going forward in litigation," said Cooper. "A quixotic litigation ... is not the business that the commission or the town is in."

Cooper said the commission's move to honor the state's decision did not set a precedent to allow people to skirt the town's stricter wetlands bylaw, because any such future case would require that the commissioner give approval to a similar project.

"We're gaining an acknowledgement of a bylaw and we are getting that acknowledgement not only in a written way, but in a monetary way," said Cooper.

Cooper said commissioner Paul Finger and current Conser-

vation Director Bob Douglas had given their input on the drainage system. He encouraged those unhappy with the ruling to seek whatever means they feel necessary.

"Nobody cares about their property more than the people who own it," he said. "We are looking at a wider interest."

Ralston, who did not vote in favor of the order, did agree that commission, "must move on," although she urged that a review of the proceedings would be necessary "so we don't have a repeat of the difficulty [experienced] by both sides."

Hauer, whose property abuts the Gibsons, has been a vocal opponent of the cabana's construction.

"One of the issues that had come up was that this was not a minor structure," commented Hauer before the commission, adding that according to information from the town assessor, the cabana is more comparable to a barn with a loft than a minor shed.

"We have been excluded," Hauer said of the process. "We've had no opportunity for ourselves or our experts to review this plan."

After the meeting she said that a quick review of the plan raised questions in her mind about whether the drainage system would control flooding in her yard and in the Clark Road area that she believes is caused by the cabana project.

"The \$1,500 was a slap on the wrist," she said.

Connecting Andover with paths, bridge

■ FOOTBRIDGE

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bridge that will meet wetlands permitting requirements.

Pustell and Marsh are gearing up for a state application that would secure a \$150,000 grant. Marsh says Community Paths is targeting a grant from the Massachusetts Highway Department, which encourages alternate transportation projects in communities around the state. The grant money comes from the state's gas tax.

The group is hosting a public informational meeting next Tuesday so they can drum up support for the footbridge project. The meeting is Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. on the second floor at Memorial Hall Library. Plans for the footbridge will be available for viewing.

In addition, Marsh says Community Paths will submit an article for the next Town Meeting warrant. The group needs another \$15,000 to pay for the project.

"We will only need Town Meeting money if we get the MassHighway grant. If we don't get the grant, we will give back the money," Marsh says.

Even if the state grant is awarded, Marsh figures it would take a least a year to build a



Bob Marsh of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association and Margaret Pustell of Community Paths Committee, are hoping to install a bridge over the Shawsheen River to connect areas of town.

handicapped accessible bridge and have the overgrown woody area near the proposed path cut back.

The group has sought the

wooden footbridge for many years. It continues to hang in there, despite previous rejections of grant applications.

"People who live in Wash-

ington Park, on Frye Circle, along this street and in Shawsheen would really enjoy a walking trail and the footbridge," Marsh says.



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The owners of what was a 1,300 square foot, two-story cabana must remove the interior second floor, install a drainage system and pay a \$1,500 fine to the state.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Toothpaste Millionaire

BY JEAN MERRILL

Reviewed by John Chartier

This week, high school book reviewer John Chartier takes a look at a little-known but excellent book that discusses the power of friendship as well as the power of kids to do whatever they put their minds to.

What do lemonade stands and paper routes have in common? Both are popular examples that people think of when they think of jobs kids have. In *The Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill, two young friends learn what it means to be business giants – all before they hit the eighth grade!

Rufus Mayflower is a regular student with an extraordinary idea. He doesn't like the idea of having to pay 79 cents for toothpaste, especially since he knows he can make it for much less by himself. He and his best friend Kate decide to try going into business, using some tricks of Rufus' Grandmother Mayflower. The duo decide to start a company using their friends to create a cheap kind of toothpaste, a toothpaste that soon begins catching on in ways they never imagined. But what Rufus and Kate are about to discover is how hard it can be to stay honest while running a business, and how friendship can outlast some very difficult circumstances.

I give *The Toothpaste Millionaire* by Jean Merrill an eight out of 10. It is one of the most original stories I have read in a long time, with some great morals intertwined in the exciting and unpredictable plot.

Merrill uses *The Toothpaste Millionaire* to discuss many different issues including racism, the power of thinking outside of the box, and the way many adults underestimate what kids can do when they put their minds to it. I recommend this book for readers ages 8 to 12, especially for those readers who love to dream about doing something totally out of the ordinary.

So pick up your own copy of *The Toothpaste Millionaire* today. Just remember, you never know what will happen when you try to change something seemingly small ... you might end up changing the world!

ON CAMPUS

Students at Northern Essex Community College were recognized at the college's Math Award Ceremony in May. The students were given certificates for recognition of superior work in math.

Andover students receiving the award include:

- **Elin Frank-Anderson**, certificate of award, calculus for business/social-life sciences
- **Pamela Norton**, certificate of award, calculus for business/social-life sciences, certificate of award, advanced algebra and trigonometry;
- **France Turgeon Rouff**, certificate of award, college algebra; certificate of award, statistics;
- **Caitlin Simili**, certificate of award, calculus I
- **Jillian Ternullo**, certificate of award, contemporary math I
- **Huiying Zhao**, certificate of award, calculus for business/social-life sciences.

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The following Andover residents have been named to the dean's list at Providence College in Providence, R.I., for the spring semester: **Jacqueline Barry**, a member of the class of 2006; **Matthew Keough**, a member of the class of 2006; and **Koren Betty**, a member of the class of 2009.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.55 grade-point average with a minimum of 12 credits.

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Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa., named student **Kyle P. Nally** of Andover to the dean's list of the spring semester. Nally is majoring in food marketing.

Students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or above, a B or greater in all their classes, and complete at least 15 credits to earn dean's list status for a semester.

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Late principal kept Shawsheen open

Co-workers remember spirit, vision of Terry Murphy

By Brian Messenger

This spring Shawsheen School will celebrate its 82nd anniversary. If it wasn't for former principal Theresa Murphy, say some of her former colleagues, the old brick building sitting atop a hill might have closed its doors to students years ago.

Murphy, 72, who served as the school's principal during the 1990s and retired from the position in 2000, died Sept. 24 after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Her funeral was held last Saturday.

Initially serving the town as an elementary school until the end of the 1970s, Shawsheen was closed at the turn of the decade due to a decline in enrollment. The building soon acted as the home of the school system's administrative offices, before reopening in 1984 as the Early Childhood Center, which served as Andover's only kindergarten until June 1991.

That year a decision was made by the new superintendent, Mark McQuillan, to move Andover's kindergartners back to the town's neighborhood schools. Shawsheen teachers were reassigned to new posts throughout the school system, and, facing a second closing in less than 15 years, the majority of the building was emptied out.

"It almost closed for a second time," said Carol Buchanan, who began teaching at Shawsheen in 1977.

Luckily for the staff at the school, however, McQuillan had also made another administrative move: assigning Murphy, formerly the school system's language arts coordinator, to the position of director of special projects.

Once kindergartners were moved to neighborhood schools and it was soon determined that there wouldn't be enough room to fit them all, Murphy came to the rescue. The idea was to create a school for kindergarten through second grade, which could help take the burden of overenrollment off neighborhood schools.

"Shawsheen K-2 Primary became one of her special projects," said Buchanan, who after spending three years at the school in the 1970s, returned in 1984 and taught there until she retired in 2002.

"Terry's expertise and determination allowed a school without staff, students, materials, furniture and equipment to open smoothly the first day of that school year."

Shawsheen remained open that fall, this time as a primary magnet school where parents could choose to send their kindergartners and first graders.

Murphy, after helping to draw



COURTESY PHOTO

Terry Murphy turned Shawsheen School into the magnet primary school it is today, at a time when many were looking to close it. Murphy was also instrumental in creating a individualized reading program that was sold to 255 other school districts around the country.

up the plan of implementing the K-2 format, eventually became the administrator responsible for overseeing the development of the program.

"It was kind of an experiment, really," said Sue Infantine, a second grade teacher at the school who joined the staff the next year, when Shawsheen began teaching second-graders as well. "The people who kept their kids there were the people who had a lot of confidence in the staff. It was very small at that time."

Dave Nichols, Andover schools' co-athletic director and health coordinator, remembers when there were serious doubts of whether Shawsheen would be able to hold its own and continue to draw students. Murphy, he said, was instrumental in the program being able to move forward the way it did.

"She was very much the rock of that building," said Nichols. "She (brought) a lot of stability to those proceedings."

Shawsheen grew to be a success, thanks in part to both its reliance on a unified curriculum planning strategy, as well as the school's relationship to the town's after-school program.

"It just took off," said Buchanan. "We had four classrooms of kindergarten and two first-grade classes that first September."

Buchanan said that in her last year teaching at Shawsheen, 2002, there were four first-grade classes, four second-grade classes, three kindergarten classrooms in use, as well as the pre-K and

Shawsheen Extended Day before and after-school programs.

"We were at capacity," said Buchanan. "There was nowhere else to put people."

Ken Seifert, who acted as superintendent from 1969 until 1991, said that during the years leading up to the initial closing of Shawsheen, "We were fighting like the dickens to keep any educational space still available, because we were pinched on space."

"[The desire to] close schools down when the population began to dip was something that happened every five or 10 years," he said. "You always had those

cycles."

Seifert said he remembers Murphy for her intelligence as well as her loyalty. Buchanan agreed.

"I think that she just had a high level of knowledge and integrity, and a great work ethic," she said. "She just gave us all continued opportunity to grow professionally."

"For me, it's [her] recognition that families, and our love for our families, are as important as our vocations," added Infantine. "For Terry, she always made sure that her staff knew that. She led by example, because she just cherished her family so much."

Remembering a leader's grace

Daniel Webster defines "grace" as "seemingly endless beauty and ease." The late Terry Murphy, former Andover educator, epitomized this word.

From the moment we met in 1970, when she was the Andover Public Schools' language arts supervisor and I was a new teacher at Bancroft Elementary School, I greatly admired her knowledge, dedication and decency. Throughout the years that followed, Terry Murphy brought credit to Andover and its schools. The individualized reading program (AIRS) that she developed received national recognition and was adopted

by schools throughout the country. As principal of Shawsheen School, she had a tremendous impact on countless teachers, students and families. More importantly, she inspired many of us by always demonstrating a positive attitude and strong values. How fortunate we are to have been touched by her.

In a poem that John Steinbeck wrote long ago about a very special teacher, he concluded, "What deathless power lies in the hands of such a person!"

He must have known someone like Terry Murphy.

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ON CAMPUS

HONORS AND GRADUATIONS

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Michael Kleinman of Andover, son of Herbert and Rita Kleinman, graduated from Emory College at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., on May 15 at the 161st commencement ceremonies with a bachelor of science degree.

Goucher College in Baltimore, Md., recently named local student Meredith Schmidt to the dean's list of the spring semester.

At the end of each semester, Goucher students who have demonstrated an exceptional level of academic achievement for that semester are named to the dean's list.

The following local students have recently received second honors for academic accomplishments during the spring semester at Georgetown University Washington, D.C.:

Ann Cashman of Andover, a member of the class of 2009, attended Andover High School prior to attending Georgetown University.

Erin Coleman of Andover, also a member of the class of 2009, attended Phillips Academy.

Also at Georgetown University, local student Adam Arguelles earned a bachelor's degree from the Walsh School of Foreign Service and was one of 1,687 undergraduate students in Georgetown's class of 2006. Arguelles is a graduate of Phillips Academy.

Alfred Eng of Andover is a recipient of a \$1,000 Alex d'Arbeloff Scholarship, an award established in honor of the Teradyne Inc. co-founder. Eng is the son of Stephen and Jenny Eng and is currently studying electrical engineering at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Teradyne established the Alex d'Arbeloff scholarship program in 2001 to recognize d'Arbeloff's lifelong commitment to technology and education. Thirty scholarships are awarded each year to children, stepchildren or grandchildren of Teradyne employees worldwide. Award recipients must be currently enrolled or planning to attend a two or four-year institution.

The following University of Delaware students from Andover made the spring semester dean's list. Named to the dean's list are full-time students with grade-point averages of 3.33 or above (on a 4.0 scale) for the semester:

Kyle Scott MacKenzie, a freshman criminal justice major in the College of Arts and Sciences;

Kathryn Mary Martorana, a junior international relations major in the College of Arts and Sciences;

Geoffrey Benjamin Shulik, a sophomore political science major in the College of Arts and Sciences; and

Caitlin Mariah Thomann, a senior finance major in the Lerner College of Business and Economics.

Also at the University of Delaware, Caitlin Mariah Thomann completed her degree requirements during the 2005-06 academic year. UD held its spring commencement exercises in May 27 at Delaware Stadium.

Thomann received a bachelor of science degree, magna cum laude, from the Lerner College of Business and Economics.

Six Northern Essex Community College graduates received Latino Alumni Achievement Awards at a June luncheon held at the college's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center in Lawrence.

Congressman Marty Meehan presented the awards to a group of young leaders who began their college education at Northern Essex and are now reaching their career goals and giving back to their communities.

Honored graduates included Andover High School graduate Gil Matos of Revere (pictured at right), a member of the class of 2003, a sports radio announcer.

A 1993 graduate of Andover High School, Matos received a general studies degree from Northern Essex and transferred to Emerson College, where he graduated magna cum laude with a broadcast journalism degree in December 2005.

Matos hosts a nightly sports radio show in Spanish on WROL-AM 950, and also announces part time in Spanish for the Boston Red Sox, hosting the pre-game show and serving as analyst for fifth and sixth innings.

The event was held in conjunction with Semana Hispana, an annual celebration of Hispanic culture held in the city of Lawrence, and will become an annual event.

The University of Hartford in West Hartford, Conn., announced its dean's list for the spring semester.

The following Andover students were named to the dean's list: Jessica L. Fine, Matthew J. Schiff and Andrew Spiller.

Local student Rachelle E. Dennis, daughter of Robert and Marjorie Dennis of Andover, graduated from Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., with a bachelor of arts degree.

The commencement ceremonies, Colgate's 185th graduation, were held in May.

Clark University in Worcester named Laura E. Berger of Andover to second honors on the dean's list for the spring semester.

Berger, a graduate of Andover High School, is currently a psychology major and a member of the class of 2008.

Also at Clark University, Aaron M. Chalek graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in government and international relations. Chalek is a graduate of Andover High School.

James M. Coglianò graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in biology. Coglianò is a graduate of Lawrence Academy at Groton.

Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine held its 201st commencement exercises in May. The college awarded 420 bachelor of arts degrees to several local students.

The following Bowdoin College graduates are from Andover:

Natasha Rose Camilo was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. Camilo graduated with a major in art history. Her minor was in gender and women's studies.

Priscilla TienHui Chan was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. Chan graduated with a major in psychology. Her minor was in English.

William Doubleday Waters was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. Waters graduated with a

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Gil Matos (left) received a Latino Alumni Achievement Award from US Congressman Marty Meehan and NECC President David Hartleb. Matos is a 1993 graduate of Andover High School.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Oct. 9-13:

Elementary schools

Monday: No school; Columbus Day.

Tuesday: French toast sticks with syrup, turkey wrap, ham sticks, home fries, fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Baked ziti with mozzarella cheese and garlic bread, salad bar with pita, veggies, fruit and juice.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, roll, breakfast burrito, baked potato wedges, corn, fruit cup and juice.

Friday: Pizza, macaroni and cheese, roll, salad, pudding with topping, melon and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: No school; Columbus Day.

Tuesday: Pizza, yogurt bagel, cream cheese, hotdog on bun, vegetarian beans, broccoli, cauliflower with dip, fruit cup and juice.

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken with rice pilaf and roll, yogurt and jumbo pretzel, peanut butter and jelly with goldfish, corn, orange quarters, oatmeal raisin cookies and cranberry sauce.

Thursday: Pizza, macaroni cheese with roll, yogurt with bagel and cream cheese, salad,

peaches and cream, cucumber sticks and juice.

Friday: Chicken filet on bun, yogurt and jumbo pretzel, peanut butter and jelly with pretzels, chicken and rice soup, apple, potato wedges and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: No school; Columbus Day.

Tuesday: Chicken scampi over spaghetti, broccoli with cheese sauce, garlic bread and fruit.

Wednesday: Stuffed peppers with rice, rice and hamburger, garden salad, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday: Chicken cacciatore, ziti, italian bread, steamed zucchini and fruit cup.

Friday: Mexican food bar.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; lowfat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season, and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

Phillips Academy to hold open house for day students

Phillips Academy will hold an open house for prospective day students and their families at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, in the Cochran Chapel.

The program will include a discussion of the application process, financial aid, life as a day student at Phillips Academy, and life as a day student's parent. Campus tours will be available following the program.

Phillips Academy accepts new students in all grades (9-12), as well as students interested in a postgraduate year.

Students who live in the following towns and cities may apply to Phillips as day students:

Massachusetts - Andover, Boxford, Bradford, Dracut, Georgetown, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynnfield, Methuen, Middleton,

North Andover, North Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Wilmington; New Hampshire - Atkinson, Pelham, Plaistow, Salem.

No reservation is needed for the open house, and dress is casual. For more information and directions, call the Phillips Academy admission office at 978-749-4050 or visit the Web site at www.andover.edu.

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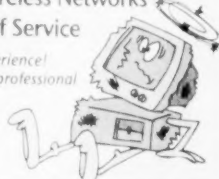
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Opinion

Information ends surprises

ANDOVER LEADERS NEED to clearly state what residents are voting on at Town Meeting and strictly follow the intent of the vote. This would prevent the kind of controversy that surrounds the new road and curbing design on Chestnut and Whittier streets, which many people want to see torn up.

Town officials deserve credit for holding three public meetings about the road and sidewalk project. It shows they were available and responsive to downtown residents. Obviously, by the swerving roadways that resulted, some of these residents wanted to slow down traffic. But most people who drive on these roads had little reason to attend these neighborhood meetings – or suspect the well-traveled road would change so drastically.

And that's the problem. The town as a whole approved the money for this project in 2005, and did so believing they were getting what the Town Meeting article said: "sidewalk reconstruction." The end product was as much new road design as sidewalk reconstruction. Had the Town Meeting article been called "traffic calming" there would have been a significantly different debate. Given all the other demands for taxpayers' money, would residents have approved a traffic calming article?

Andover officials have created problems before by pursuing a plan that seems different than the one approved at Town Meeting. Perhaps the most high-profile case was when Town Meeting voted to make improvements to the Shawsheen fields including "lights for ice skating." When Shawsheen residents learned the town planned to erect light towers for regular use at soccer fields, they threatened to sue the town. In the end, no lights were installed at all.

Clear, more detailed information at Town Meeting about how money might be used will help prevent surprise and outrage from voters. It will also prevent the need to redo projects.

Web question

Do you approve of cabana solution?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Do you support redoing the traffic-calming curbing on Chestnut Street? 132 people responded.

- 47 people, or 36 percent, said, "Absolutely, as I think the bumpouts are a bad idea. I say get rid of these, period."
- 1 person, or 1 percent, said, "Yes, because there are too many wide curb extensions on Chestnut Street. Making the curves less extreme is a good idea."

- 14 people, or 11 percent, said, "Yes, as I thought this project was about sidewalk improvements. I was shocked when the new road design went in."

- 3 people, or 2 percent, said, "No, but only because of the cost. The design is a bad idea and should not be repeated."

- 23 people, or 17 percent, said, "No, selectmen should leave Chestnut Street alone. The design slows down cars."

- 44 people, or 33 percent, said, "No, I think the street is calmer, the sidewalks look

nice and when the landscaping grows in, it will be a very pretty street. Let's leave it alone until spring and see if people have adjusted."

- No one said, "Other."

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: **Are you satisfied with the state's decision to fine the cabana owners and require them to install a drainage system?**

- Yes, the cabana owners can install a drainage system and move on.

- Yes, because the message is clear – always get written approval on projects.

- No, the Conservation Commission should have sided with neighbors who asked for a two-week extension so they could read the state's decision closely.

- No, the state decision is not harsh enough.

- I am so tired of this story. I am just glad it is now officially over.

- Other.

To vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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SEASON OF THE SQUASH



Hannah Littlewood (right) helps her sister Michaela pick out a pumpkin at Strawberry Hill Farmstand on Lowell Street. PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

LETTERS

CHESTNUT STREET REDESIGN

Traffic calming: Safety for our children

Editor, *Townsman*:

The recent outcry over the bumpouts being implemented on Chestnut Street is both amusing and sad. The reason for the bumpouts is quite simply to slow down the traffic on a lovely neighborhood street that unfortunately acts as a short cut for mainly non-residents for whom the impact of their daily travels roaring up and down the street is obviously not realized. In the area bounded by Chestnut, Summer, Stratford and Whittier streets there are several hundred school-age children who walk, run, skip and ride bicycles along and across these streets. After spending 18 years working overseas as an architectural engineer, I chose to relocate my young family to this wonderful area with its close proximity to neighborhood parks and the town center. Like many of the neighborhood families we have come to know in the past year, we spend a great deal of time walking and bicycle riding the local streets with our school-age children. One has only to watch the afternoon and evening traffic on Chestnut Street to witness the procession of SUVs with the non-attentive cell phone drivers oblivious to the speed at which they are going to wonder when there will be a tragedy.

Rather than getting all excited about the inconvenience in having to navigate the bumpouts and complaining ad nauseam, wouldn't it be far more sensible for those drivers to simply SLOW DOWN and take care? These people just don't seem to get it...

It is worthwhile to note that our town manager, selectmen, public safety officer and town engineer were actively involved in a lengthy consultation process with the residents of Chestnut Street who made clear their desire for slower traffic for safety reasons. It is common practice overseas to implement traffic calming devices on local streets in the form of bumpouts, chicanes and roundabouts to slow down traffic. The actions of the public safety officer and town engineer to design our traffic calming devices should be commended for their foresight and vision. The attitude of our elected officials to a few complaints appears churlish since they would have had ample opportunity to review the concept design and engineering drawings prior to awarding a capital works contract in the amount of \$858,000. To consider redoing what has been constructed would be a monumental waste of taxpayer dollars.

I understand that the public safety officer has petitioned for a slower speed limit (25mph) which is now posted on what looks like temporary signs. Let us hope the changes to the street are permanent, or at the very least, let the bumpouts stay for a time so that we can all assess how effective these measures are in slowing down the traffic. Perhaps some additional permanent signage should be installed to assist in the awareness campaign for the newly constructed curb lines on Chestnut Street.

As far as the snow plows navigating the street, a cursory examination of the newly constructed curb lines by the relevant contractor and the elementary placement of timber stakes at each bumpout would seem a logical step prior to the first snow storm.

Michael J. Leyne
106 Chestnut St.

Traffic calming: A Little Big Dig of our own

Editor, *Townsman*:

It seems we have a Little Big Dig of our own, right here in Andover City. Somehow, it was decided that the traffic in our nice little burg needed to be "calmed." That there was speeding, which rhymed with meeting, which starts with "m" and that spells money. \$858,000 of it, in fact, spent less on traffic "calming" than traffic "bombing," which starts with "b," and that stands for "bumpout," or what it sounds like when a car's rim hits one of those things unnecessarily. Because instead of a straight navigable roadway, a certain section of Chestnut Street now looks more like the go-cart racetrack in Salisbury.

Meanwhile, back in the school system, it is reported by some of the system's more knowledgeable sources (students) that, in some instances, teachers have to buy paper out of their personal funds for said students to write on. It is also well-known that many other town services are desperate for funding. Yet, somehow, in our infinite collective wisdom, it was decided that \$858,000 was best spent to "calm" our traffic. (To be completely accurate, this figure represents the full sidewalk reconstruction cost, of which "calming" is a significant part.) Shades of Boston, anyone? Billions of dollars spent on faulty road infrastructure while

schools and public services go hungry?

Let anyone become rabid with the thought that I carry the analogy beyond all reason, don't think for a minute that the correlary has anything to do with the greed, corruption and malfeasance connected with the Big Big Dig. No, I sincerely believe the Little Big Dig we have right here in Andover City was a straightforward, honestly-intentioned product of misguided intentions and embellishment of a problem that exists in such minimal quantity as to never have warranted such a draconian response.

A few years ago, on a well-known intersection of Andover, there were a series of accidents that repeated themselves over and over. Eventually, after careful consideration and debate, a four-way stop sign replaced the previous two-way stop, and the accidents ceased. Cost: whatever it costs to put in two more stop signs. Results: priceless.

Now, it's time to do what straightforward, honestly-intentioned people do when they realize that a mistake has been made. Correct it. Redo the "calming" construction on Chestnut and Whittier streets, then put an end to an idea whose time has not yet, and may well never, come. Stop the Little Big Dig before it gets any bigger.

Oh, and by the way, let's please do it before the snow starts falling. Driving real cars on the equivalent of the Salisbury go-cart track after a foot or two of snow has fallen, completely obscuring the landscape, is something we, right here in Andover City, can certainly do without.

Christopher Payne-Taylor
16 Summer St.

Put Chestnut Street back as it was

Editor, *Townsman*:

I'm glad they are thinking of redoing the curbing on Chestnut Street. We have a large pickup and, honestly, it's just easier to drive straight down the middle at this point.

The street was narrow for two large vehicles to pass each other before, now it's impossible for vehicles to pass each

other if only one is large. And the larger vehicle wins. I would bet the teenagers now find the street even more challenging.

Put the street back to the way it was and, if you must, create much smaller bumpouts.

Nancy Martin
7 Holly Terrace

THE THURSDAY FILE

People who know how to employ themselves, always find leisure moments, while those who do nothing are forever in a hurry.

JEANNE-MARIE ROLAND

To fly, we have to have resistance.

MAYA LIN

I made the decision to quit show business. Give up the skintight dresses and manicured smiles. The false concern over sentimental lyrics. I would never again work to make people smile inanely and would take on the responsibility of making them think.

MAYA ANGELOU

Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun.

COLLEEN C. BARRETT

Every moment in planning saves three or four in execution.

CRAWFORD GREENWALT

Eat and drink with your relatives; do business with strangers.

GREEK PROVERB

Best quotation sent

Remember that to change your course and to follow someone ... is not to be less free.

MARCUS AURELIUS

The Thursday File can be found online, and contains quotations such as the ones on this page.

LETTERS

Ironstone helps Special Olympics

Editor, Townsman:

On Sunday, Sept. 24, Challenge Unlimited Inc. at Ironstone Farm in Andover hosted its annual Special Olympics Regional Equestrian Tournament. More than 85 Special Olympics athletes from the Merrimack Valley, the North Shore and Greater Boston participated. Additionally, 100 volunteers helped out in planning and executing the event.

Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm put together a great event. Not even brief thunderstorms could dampen the spirit of the athletes, volunteers and families who participated. We'd like to acknowledge the work of helpful individuals, volunteers and businesses.

Challenge Unlimited provides beneficial therapy for people with a wide range of physical, emotional

and cognitive disabilities. It began its association with Special Olympics Massachusetts in 1987. In 2002, Challenge Unlimited was inducted into the Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame. Collaborations with people and organizations such as Challenge Unlimited allow Special Olympics Massachusetts to execute year-round training and events in 26 sports for individuals with and without intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics Massachusetts looks forward to its continued relationship with all the great people at Challenge Unlimited.

Nick Savarese
Medford

(The writer is associate section director of the Special Olympics Massachusetts' North Section.)

Keep trees safe from the cult of the green lawn

Editor, Townsman:

I'm not sure to what to attribute the cutting of trees to create open space exclusively for lawns. I have watched over the years in bewilderment and horror as many a lot adorned with beautiful trees has succumbed to the chainsaw and bulldozer to establish the artificial precinct of the lawn.

Maybe some deep rooted territorial imperative imprinted in our limbic brains moves us to ravage these colossal life forms and then cultivate monotonous beds of grass as a testament to our eminent domain over nature.

Or perhaps we are fixated on lawns as being status symbols whereby lush sod equates with plush homes and well-to-do families who spare no expense to keep up with, and hopefully surpass, the Jones. Lawns here require great toil, periodic services, and treatments to stay healthy throughout our capricious weather patterns and harsh seasons. The added terrain needs to be seeded, mowed, fertilized, irrigated and treated

with pesticides, which together are a major time/money commitment.

By cutting trees and instead planting lawns, our landscapes become insipid patchworks of green illustrative of a hegemony with little reverence for a life form whose lifespan exceeds that of all other living things on this planet. Is there an anti-arboreal conspiracy to reduce the trees to prisoners on death row under the jurisdiction of the fertilizer, seed and chemical companies?

If harmony is to come to this planet, first it must be found in the way we treat our environment. Only then will Mother Nature correspond with the aesthetics and inspiration that ultimately transform ourselves and our surroundings into cohabitants of life-sustaining communities. Regrettably, our penchant for felling trees qualifies their future survival in urban and rural areas as a veritable "Pulp Fiction."

Bill Kolbe
Argilla Road

Free college education for all: 'It should be against the law to ... promise to decrease taxes'

Editor, Townsman:

We say we are a democracy, but we operate like royalty. The US Senate just wiped out inheritance taxes over the next few years so the rich will get even richer while the poor get poorer. A young family man who just died in Iraq joined our armed forces to have his college education paid for when he got out. This is how our "democracy" perpetuates itself.

Most of our wealthy presidents, senators and congressmen do not want themselves, their children or grandchildren risking their lives in the armed forces, so they take away the draft, and offer enlistees educational benefits. These benefits would be unnecessary if college was free in America for every qualified needy applicant. To raise funds for this, wealthy private schools and universities should pay taxes, and taxes for the wealthy should be increased. But our leaders do not want to raise their own taxes or those of their friends who fund their campaigns.

Some needy youngsters do get scholarships and loans. Unfortunately, financially suffering public school districts in many areas cannot afford to educate children well enough to have them qualify for financial aid. Taxes need to be raised so the federal government can better subsidize public education. But instead, politicians promise to decrease taxes. It should be against the law for any politician to make a campaign promise to decrease taxes. As our population grows, our needs will grow and our needs cost money. And we have new concerns including terrorism, which is expensive to fight.

What do most of our country's needy children do when they graduate or drop out of a lousy high school without a higher education? They get low level jobs for the rest of their lives serving their wealthy employers. They may also risk their lives by joining the armed forces. Some become unemployed, pregnant and collect welfare, or become criminals and

serve time in expensive prisons.

If we gave quality high school and free college education to the poor, there would be less unemployment, and fewer people on welfare and in prison. This would save trillions, which could help pay for the education costs. So this program of better education would be expensive at first, but in a short time, it would pay for itself. Our government leaders might not declare as many wars to keep their children and grandchildren at home.

But if we do not have a draft and create free higher education, allowing the poor to become educated and wealthy, what would happen to the rich? They would have to share their power with highly educated minorities. Unfortunately, our wealthy government leaders want to keep exactly what they have now: admittance to the Ivy League schools and the private clubs, the best jobs, the exclusive neighborhoods.

The wealthy get insulted when a new

black or Hispanic family moves into their neighborhood. Why? Let's tell the truth here. Because it took generations of inheritance money for most white families to afford multi-million dollar homes. The minority couple may be smarter than the white couples on the street because the minority couple may have bought their home without any inheritances. If the whites cannot psychologically handle this competition, they make up racist reasons why they don't like minorities.

How could one more strongly motivate a poor minority child to succeed than to offer him a free college education while he is sitting in a fine first grade classroom? This would also serve as the best way for the United States to apologize for having owned slaves. How can our white-dominated country learn to truly respect minorities unless we give them the education they need?

Linda Sonos Feinberg
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major in government and legal studies. Waters also received George Levine Memorial Soccer Trophy, awarded to a varsity player who exemplifies sportsmanship, valor and desire, from the Bowdoin Department of Athletics.

Christopher Grayson Weiner was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. Weiner graduated with a major in government and legal studies. His minor was in history.

□□□ Cadet **Leslie Joanna Willey**, daughter of Lloyd and Lynn Willey of Campton, N.H., and formerly of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the spring semester covering December through May, at the US Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

To earn this honor, a cadet must maintain a 3.0 average in all courses.

Willey graduated from Andover High School in 2005. She plans to graduate from West Point in 2009 and be commissioned a second lieutenant in the US Army.

During the semester Willey was a member of the Army women's crew team and contributed to the team's winning of the New York State Collegiate Regatta Championship for the first time in 10 years.

□□□ Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., announced that several students are recipients of the college's 21st Century Leadership award.

One of the recipients is **Elissa Lim**, a student at Andover

High School.

Recognizing the need for ethical leadership, Wells College presents 21st Century Leadership Awards to high school juniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership ability in high school and community activities.

Recipients are nominated by their school's college counselor or principal in the spring of their junior year and are then selected by the Wells Admissions Committee. 21st Century Leadership Awards include a \$20,000 Scholarship for Leaders (\$5,000 a year for four consecutive years) of study at Wells College.

High school juniors who have a 90 percent or higher cumulative grade-point average and demonstrated leadership ability and potential in school and community activities who have been nominated by a college counselor will be considered for this award. There is a limit of one award per school.



Leslie Joanna Willey

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Lauren M. Vieira, AHS class of 2004, was inducted into the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy during a white coat ceremony on Sept. 5. She is one of 92 students who qualified for the class of 2010 PharmD program.

Vieira is a recipient of the Centennial Scholarship and has maintained academic standing to renew this scholarship in each of her two years of pre-professional studies.

Vieira is also working towards a minor in psychology at the college.

She is a pharmacy intern at the campus infirmary during the school year and at Winchester Hospital in Winchester and Target Corp. during the summer months.

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Stuart Holmes Floyd of Andover received a bachelor of science degree in computer science, with high distinction, at the 138th commencement exercises at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, in May.

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Tufts University has named **Andrew Varley** to the dean's list for the spring semester.

He graduated in May, magna cum laude, with a degree in electrical engineering, and is a member of the Eta Kappa Nu engineering honor society.

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The following Andover residents were among the new students who have enrolled at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., for the 2006-07 academic year.



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Syracuse's new students are studying from among the more than 200 majors offered at the institution. Andover students include:

Christine Cronin is enrolled in SU's College of Human Services and Health Professions majoring in sport management.

Michelle Guy is enrolled in SU's L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science majoring in chemical engineering.

Katie Infantine is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in arts and sciences.

Douglas Percy is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in political science.

Amanda Trerotola is enrolled in SU's College of Visual and Performing Arts majoring in illustration.

Tarek Zatet is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in pre-law.

Calder Zwerling is enrolled in SU's College of Arts and Sciences majoring in arts and sciences.

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Peter Ramsey returned to Phillips Academy as secretary of the academy, a post he left in 2004 to help establish a major fund-raising campaign at Babson College. Following a two-year stint as Babson's vice president for development and alumni relations, Ramsey resigned from that position earlier this summer. He resumed his duties at Phillips on Sept. 18.

As head of Andover's Office of Academy Resources, Ramsey will once again be responsible for leading the school's fund-raising activities and alumni relations efforts. An integral member of the Academy's senior administrative leadership team, he will work closely with the Head of School's office and Board of Trustees.

During his previous nine-year stint as Secretary of the Academy from 1995 to 2004, Ramsey oversaw Campaign Andover, a six-year \$208 million fund-raising campaign that, at the time, represented a fund-raising record for independent secondary schools. Among other initiatives, the monies raised during Campaign Andover were used by the school to help fund scholarships and faculty chairs and to expand and refurbish faculty housing to increase the adult-to-student ratio in the dorms. Monies raised also helped fund the construction of the Gelb Science Center, the construction of a new hockey rink, and the renovation and expansion of Cochran Chapel.

Prior to coming to Andover in 1995, Ramsey served as vice president for resources and public affairs at Wellesley College and as director of development at Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

A graduate of South Kent School and St. Lawrence University, he has worked in the development field since 1974.

Ramsey will continue to live in Weston with his wife, Isabel, and son Andrew, 11. Isabel is a clinical associate professor at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston, and Andrew is a student in Weston's public schools.

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Andrew Boudreau of Andover was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Boudreau, the son of Denise Lecompt, attended Andover High School.

Boudreau, who is majoring in applied mathematics and statistics, is expected to graduate in May 2009.

To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

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Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., announced that **Ania Krzywicki** of Andover has enrolled as a first-year student in the College of Arts & Sciences.

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Northern Essex Community College announced the appointment of students to the dean's list for the summer term.

To be included, students had to attain a grade point average of 3.3 or higher within the term, carry six or more credits within the term, and be matriculated in a degree program.

Summer 2006 dean's list students include the following Andover students and their area of study:

Fengxue Wang, business transfer; **Lan He**, general studies; nursing; **Lynette Hickey**, radiologic technology; **Robert Jennings**, CIS; information technology; **Stacy Morin**, radiologic technology; **Corine Rice**, early childhood education; **Susan Waldie**, practical nursing; **Lili Xu**, business transfer; **Huiying Zhao**, accounting.

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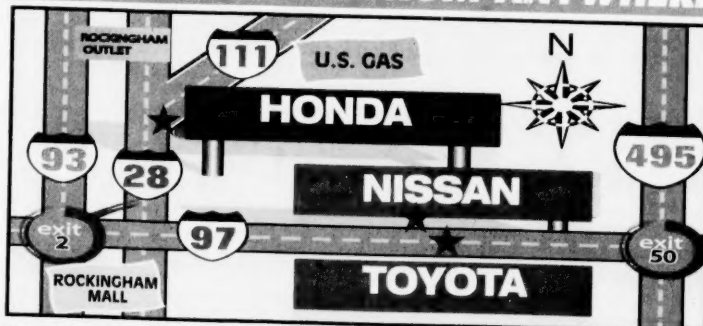
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TOWN TALK

As part of their Expeditionary Learning seventh-grade Wood Hill Middle School students traveled the entire Andover portion of the Bay Circuit trail, from the Merrimack River in Tewksbury to Berry Pond in North Andover on three separate four- to six-mile hikes in December 2005, March 2006, and June 2006. The students on the 7West team wrote in journals, took photos, composed poetry and ultimately created PowerPoint photo essays around specific themes, such as habitats, litter and leaves.

Additionally, they painted a mural at Wood Hill illustrating many aspects of the hikes: the changing seasons (from snow cover to glorious late spring), flora and fauna, and local landmarks such as Phillips Academy, Wood Hill Middle School, West Parish cemetery, the glacial erratic in the Skug River reservation and the solstice stones at the Ward reservation, and much more. There's even an Andover Police car at the Horn Bridge, because a police officer stopped traffic while the 40 students and six chaperones crossed the road.

The mural takes up an entire wall on the seventh-grade floor and took more than two months to complete. All 7W students participated in the design and painting. Parent Thyra Sherman led the group.

FALL IS IN THE AIR



Nicole Righter looks for a perfect pumpkin at Strawberry Hill Farmstand on Lowell Street.



First grade teacher Sister Kathleen Leary of St. Augustine School is one of several teachers who has helped out as a crossing guard outside the school on Central Street.

Volunteer guards continue at St. A's

Three boards to meet next week

By Judy Wakefield

The only nun on staff at St. Augustine School served as the crossing guard after school on Tuesday.

First-grade teacher Sister Kathleen Leary and other volunteer parents and teachers will continue handling the crossing guard job for at least another week as town officials continue debating who should pay for the position.

Selectmen held a special meeting Tuesday night to talk about using the town's reserve cash fund to pay the approximately \$12,000 guard salary that was cut from the school budget.

With four out of five selectmen attending — Mary Lyman, Alex Vispoli, Brian Major and John Hess — the group could not agree to vote. Major and Vispoli clearly wanted to vote in favor of dipping into the town's cash reserve fund while Lyman and Hess want a three-board meeting next week with the Andover Finance and School Committees. After about an hour of discussion, all four selectmen agreed to meet next week with these two boards to vote on the cash reserve withdrawal.

"Yes, I'm disappointed," said Eugenia Moffit, one of three parents representing the school who were hoping for a resolution.

The parents were armed with a copy of the state law, Department of Education guidelines and an attorney's finding they say require students from public and private schools to be treated equally. The parents said their crossing guard job should only have been cut if all crossing

guard jobs at all schools were cut. That would have been equal protection for all students. No crossing guards were removed from public schools this year.

The town has no uniform policy on where crossing guards should be used. Traffic studies are not done near schools to determine what schools need guards. Lyman said she took a call over the weekend from someone who said a crossing guard at one public school helps just five kids cross a street. St. Augustine is located on a busy downtown street.

"Our criteria (for crossing guards). What is it?" Lyman asked, adding that she believes the matter should be researched. She and Hess agreed that casting a vote to pay for the item was "like putting the horse before the cart."

"All boards should be on the same page about this," Hess said. "I say we wait."

Police Chief Brian Pattullo also attended the meeting and reminded selectmen that the School Committee made the cut. "It's up to them" to put it back, he said.

Major asked whether the courts could make the School Committee pay for a crossing guard if it refuses to fund it.

"Hopefully, that won't happen," answered Town Counsel Thomas Urbelis, adding, "although I haven't thought about it."

Next week's meeting for the three boards was not posted before the *Townsmen's* press time. It will be posted on the town's Web site.

The Sabbath with an MTV twist

'Shabbat Unplugged' rides trend of hipper music at services

By Judy Wakefield

Wearing yarmulkes at the front of this temple, the contemporary band sounded hip in Hebrew as they played for the crowd.

The band was part of "Shabbat Unplugged" (mimicking the famed "Unplugged" MTV music series that spotlights well-known singers and bands), which is being well-received at Andover's Temple Emanuel on Haggetts Pond Road. The spiritual journey mixes music and prose on Friday nights, just as has been happening for years at several other faith congregations in Andover.

"It's a new trend in liturgy, offering worshipers a chance to relax a bit as they prepare for prayers," said Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel. "And people like it."

Held last Friday night starting at 6, between two religious holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur), the focus was gratitude as the sun began to set and the Sabbath set in.

Even with its MTV-take on the name, there is nothing pop-culturish about "Shabbat Unplugged," as worshipers here gave thanks for all the good things in their lives.

The celebration kicked off with a short, simple wine-and-cheese reception before the guests entered their worship space. There, music, hand-clapping and head-popping awaited as a five-piece contemporary band sang Hebrew songs. Temple Emanuel's music director, Idan Irelander, was in charge of the music.



Henry Risman of Andover adjusts the yarmulke for his son, Adam, 13, before they made their way into "Shabbat Unplugged" Friday night.



Rabbi Robert Goldstein (left) joins guitarist Idan Irelander, assistant music director at Temple Emanuel, in song.

"It's a way to reach out to families. It's the time of day when families are to either spend time together," Goldstein said. "All congregations are looking for ways to bring families together these days as families want that, whether it is a church or here."

The spiritual side of the service started immediately as the welcoming prayer called "Walking through the temple's door way a walk toward a richer and more meaningful life."

The Risman family of Andover attended their first "Shabbat Unplugged" for that reason.

"I think it's a great way to reach out to families and a good way for families to get together," Amy Risman said of the service. She and her husband, Henry, and their son, Adam, 13,

Adam, 13, joined a prayer group.

Henry Risman is preparing for his son's Bar Mitzvah.

"It's a chance to begin your journey on the right note," the temple's statement for holidays and events proclaimed. "Shabbat is a time of going over



Temple Emanuel musicians perform and pray at "Shabbat Unplugged," one of several services in town that offers non-traditional music.

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman 1st Class **John R. McEwen Jr.** and Airman 1st Class **Ryan C. Hurley** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airmen studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

McEwen is the son of Bonnie McEwen of Argyle Street and John McEwen of Inverness, Fla. He is a 2006 graduate of Citrus High School, Inverness.

Hurley is the son of Bill Hurley of North Main Street and Judith Hurley of Bradford. He is a 2002 graduate of Andover High School.



John R. McEwen Jr.



Ryan C. Hurley

BIRTHS

DRISCOLL - A daughter, Kathleen Talbot Driscoll, born to Rebecca and John Driscoll of North Andover, on Sept. 1 at Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Arthur and Dorothy Driscoll of Andover, and Richmond and Annette Talbot of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Richmond and Barbara Talbot of Plymouth.

LEMO - A son, Steffen Nicholas Lembo, born to Amy Knowles and Nick Lembo, Jr. of Enfield Dr., on Sept. 15 at Winchester Hospital. Grandparents are June Knowles of Andover and Nick and Beverly Lembo of Saco, Maine. Steffen joins Chase, 2.

RETELLE - A daughter, Lily Rose Retelle, born to Terry and Rose Retelle of Andover, on May 2. Grandparents are John and Angie Capomaccio, and Al and Evelyn Retelle, all of Andover. Lily joins her brother, Jack, 2.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

~ 2006 KEY DATES ~

ISSUE DATE	PHOTO DEADLINE
Oct. 26	Oct. 20
Nov. 30	Nov. 24
Dec. 28	Dec. 22

BABIES CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAYS, affiliated with Andover, are eligible to have their pictures in the *Townsmen* free. They will normally be published in the issue dated the last Thursday of the month, in the month of baby's first birthday. All babies having a first birthday in October will be published in the Oct. 26 issue. All photos must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 (see box). Photos received after the deadline will not be published. Similarly, first birthday photos older than the current month also will not be published.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Mahnke-Derby

Elisabeth Derby, daughter of Steve and Diane Derby of Andover, and Benjamin Mahnke, son of Elisabeth and Roger Swain of Greenfield, N.H., and Mark and Jessica Mahnke of Bath, Maine, were married May 28 at the Clara Barton Center in North Oxford, Mass.

The bride is a graduate of Tufts University with a master's degree in energy and resources from the University of California Berkeley, and work in international development and clean energy.

The groom is a graduate of Wesleyan University with a master's degree in business administration from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University, and works in non-profit consulting.

The couple live in Jamaica Plain.



Benjamin and Elisabeth Mahnke

Hirst-Zalgenas

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Hirst of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Robert Zalgenas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Zalgenas of Sandwich.

Ms. Hirst is a graduate of Andover High School, and a cum laude graduate of Hamilton College. She received a master's degree from the School of Management at Boston University. She is employed as a project manager for Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Quincy.

Mr. Zalgenas is a graduate of Sandwich High School, and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He is employed as a test manager at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care in Quincy.

The couple met on Oct. 24, 2004, the day the Red Sox won the World Series. It was her first day of work at Harvard Pilgrim. They are both huge Red Sox fans.

Their wedding will take place May 6 in Groton.



Robert Zalgenas and Julie Hirst

Bobo-Bertetti

Mr. and Mrs. Jack P. Bobo Jr. of Florence, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca L. Bobo, of Georgetown, S.C., formerly of Florence, to Richard D. Bertetti, also of Georgetown, and formerly of Andover. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David D. Bertetti of Andover.

Ms. Bobo is a graduate of Bradshaw High School in Florence and the University of North Alabama with a major in interior design and a minor in marketing/business. She is an architectural designer at Harmony Township in Georgetown.

Dr. Bertetti is a graduate of Andover High School, a 1991 postgraduate of Northfield-Mt. Hermon School in Northfield, with a bachelor's degree in molecular biology from Tulane University in New Orleans, La. He is a 2003 graduate of Tufts Dental School, where he received his doctor of dental medicine degree.

The couple have not set a date for their wedding.



Richard Bertetti and Rebecca Bobo

Kramer-Corner

Michael and Karen Kramer of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Renee Kramer of Beverly, to Richard William Corner II, also of Beverly. He is the son of Richard and Carole Corner of Canton.

Ms. Kramer is a graduate of Andover High School, Tulane University in New Orleans, La., and received her PhD at the University of Memphis. She is employed at Abiomed in Danvers.

Mr. Corner is a graduate of Boston College High School and Boston College. He received a master's degree at Webster University and is a captain in the US Army.

The couple plan an Oct. 20 wedding.



Richard Corner and Nicole Kramer

Capomaccio 50th anniversary

John and Angie Capomaccio of Clover Circle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4 at Andover Country Club. John, originally from Somerville, and Angie, originally from Lynn, met on Sept. 3, 1955 at a dance at the Ocean View in Revere.

They were married 10 months later on June 23, 1956 at St. Francis Church in Lynn.

They spent their honeymoon in Stowe, Vt., at the Trapp Family resort.

Before meeting Angie, John was a monk for five years in Valley Falls, R.I., and Spencer, Mass. John became a deacon in 1977 and

has been with St. Augustine Church in Andover for 35 years. He also worked in the Saugus school system for 35 years before retiring in 1993. During that time he was a guidance counselor for 14 years and a teacher for 21 years. He taught math, science, ancient history, anthropology, psychology and sociology. He also taught a night yoga class. He graduated from Salem State College and received his master's degree from Boston University.

Angie was employed at G.E. when she met John. She was a stay-at-home mother with their two children, Maria and Rose. When their children were older she went back to school and received her associate's degree from Merrimack College in 1984. She worked at McLay's as a floral designer and planter.

The Capomaccios enjoy their three grandchildren: Tyler Rogers and Jack and Lily Retelle.

In their spare time, the couple are said to be fierce Scrabble competitors.



John and Angie Capomaccio are wearing feathers on their heads for a dance the DJ had them perform at their party for their 50th wedding anniversary.

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SOCIAL NOTEBOOK



Andover Garden Club president Joyce Bakshi said the club's Oct. 3 first meeting of the new season provided plenty of social time for greeting old friends and meeting the club's many new members. Shown here are (back row, from left) Beth Prawdzik, new-member chairman Betty Chapman, president Joyce Bakshi, Lynda Percy, Pat Himber, and Tara Brink, and (front row) Heidi Sargent and Karen Lantelme. Missing from the photo are new members Joan Duff, Deb Douglass, and Carolyn Kelly.

More than 10,000 walkers representing local corporations, families, schools, and other organizations are expected to turn out for the New England Chapter, Bay State Branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) annual Boston Walk to Cure Diabetes, this Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The chapter's goal is to raise more than \$3.2 million at its seven walks throughout New England for research to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

Andover residents participating in the Boston Walk to Cure Diabetes include: Christine Applegate, Jack Belluche, Regan Belluche, Donna Cardillo, Brittany Gale, Dylan Gale, Nathan Goldthwaite, Edward Moffitt, Giulia Moffitt, Jack Moffitt, Joseph Moffitt, Aidan O'Connor, Greg O'Connor, Griffin O'Connor, Jameson O'Connor, Kieran O'Connor, Michelle O'Connor, Jessica Oliveira, Matt Penny, Rus Riddell, Alyson Shaw, Erica Shaw, Rachel Shaw, Wayne Shaw, Courtney Stone, Emily Stone, George Stone, Olivia Stone, Shannon Sweeney, Sharon Tankel, Erin Walsh, Jeffrey Walsh, Lucas Walsh, Robin Walsh, Laura Zavri and Paula Zavri.

Entire families from kids to grandparents, even pets, enjoy participating in the Walk to Cure Diabetes - even if they are not among the 14 million Americans with a personal connection to type 1 diabetes. The three-mile walk will take place rain or shine. On-site registration begins at 9:30 in the large check-in tent on the Hatch Shell lawn.

JDRF walks are held in more than cities worldwide. Nationally, nearly 500,000 people walked to cure diabetes last year. For more information, visit the JDRF Web site at www.jdrf.org/baystate, or call 781-431-0700. To register for the Walk to Cure Diabetes or to support a walker, check out <http://walk.jdrf.org>

Quota International members from around the world met in Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia recently for the group's 84th annual convention.

Two members of the Quota Club of Andover, Carole Shwetz of Methuen and Diane Labrecque of Andover, International Board Member-East area director, attended the four-day series of meetings, seminars and training sessions.

The international convention brought together Quota members to learn the latest organizational news, vote on various issues and celebrate recent success within the service organization.

Founded in 1919, Quota International dedicates most of its volunteer work to help deaf and hearing-impaired individuals and disadvantaged women and children.

For more information on Quota International, contact Nancy Faye Glass at 978-688-3545, or log onto Quota of Andover's Web site andoverquota.org.

Cathy Levine and Circles of Wisdom Bookstore welcomes Melissa Zollo from Present Memory (www.presentmemory.com), who will give an introductory talk on "I Can Heal My Emotional Relationship to Food and I Will."

Zollo will discuss how 90 percent of dieters gain back weight or fail because of a lack of focus and unconscious habits, she says. The most powerful factor to weight success is one's beliefs about themselves and food. To succeed and realize weight goals, Zollo believes people must learn to release the power they possess and "re-program" themselves to change their attitudes, behaviors and habits.

Special guests are Dr. Robert Gensler, director of the Chestnut Hill Chiropractic and Rehabilitation Center, and Merry Gerard, faculty chairperson of the Five Element School of Acupuncture.

The talk will be held on Friday, Oct. 13 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St. Cost is \$75.

Call Circles of Wisdom Bookstore at 978-474-8010 for reservations.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

October Newsletters: October newsletters are here. Please note that they will not be mailed this month, so be sure and come down and pick one up.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliances or household items. Cost is \$2 plus any parts that might be needed to complete a repair.

"Our Immigrant Heritage - Remembrances & Reflections": The senior center's cable TV group has produced a new video featuring eight remarkable citizens from the Merrimack Valley who overcame enormous obstacles to come to the United States, and whose heritage has significantly enriched our country and our community. The show will premiere Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. at Old Town Hall. Complimentary tickets are available at the senior center.

Senior Flood Victims Fundraiser: Saturday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. in Old Town Hall. Did you know that many of our senior center participants are still not able to return to their homes following last May's devastating flood? Come support your Andover neighbors at this special community event featuring an evening of food, fun, friendship and lots of entertainment. Senior ticket price is \$25; Non-senior price is \$50.

Candidates' Coffee Hour: Stop in Friday, Oct. 27 at 9:30 a.m. and get to know the candidates running for state representative and state senate seats in Andover. This will not be a formal debate, but rather a meet-and-greet format.

Canterbury Shaker Village Trip: Thursday, Oct. 19, depart 9 a.m. We'll take in some fall foliage while enjoying a Shaker home tour followed by lunch at

the Shaker Table. After lunch, there will be time for shopping at the museum store and farm stand before heading home. Cost of the trip is \$42, which includes tour, transportation and lunch. Limited spaces.

Outdoor Adventures For Women: Thursday, Oct. 19; Bike Adventure. Come join us as we bike the Nashua River Rail Trail. We'll car pool from the senior center to Groton Center where we will begin this flat trail ride. Be able to transport your own bike and bring a helmet, water, snacks, personal identification and dress in layers. Also bring money for lunch, following the ride. Pre-registration is necessary by stopping into the center.

Men's Breakfast: Friday, Oct. 20 at 8:30 a.m.; advance reservations (\$3). This month's guest speaker will be Bruce Twickler, who will show and discuss his fascinating PBS film, *Damrell's Fire*. This is the story of Boston's 1872 inferno, which was the second most destructive fire in the United States in the 19th century.

Respect: A Musical Journey: Wednesday, Oct. 11; 2 p.m. matinee at the Stuart St. Playhouse; \$52 (ticket and transportation). *Respect* is a funny, exuberant look at the journey of women as reflected in music through the different decades. "Savvy, self-confident, and a good time," says the *Chicago Tribune*.

Nutrition Presentation: Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 1:30 p.m.; "Does Healthy Eating Equal High Prices?" No charge; pre-registration appreciated. Presenter is Elizabeth Anderson, registered dietitian from Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley.

Beginner's Computer Class: We will offer a four-session beginner's computer class on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This class is for the true beginner who needs to learn the very basics. Pre-registration is necessary and spaces are limited.

MBTA Senior ID Cards: Friday, Oct. 13 at 12:30 p.m. Because of the installation of new fare-collection equipment, the MBTA is currently replacing all valid existing MBTA senior IDs. MBTA staff will be on hand at the center on the above date to take photos and replace IDs at no charge. Applications for first-time customers will also be available. Please call the center to register.

Creative Cooking/Lunch Group: Wednesday, Oct. 18, 11:15 a.m., \$6. Have the fun of going out to eat right at the senior center. Watch a cooking demo, enjoy eating together, and take home great new recipes. Mild homemade lunches will be October's specialty.

Parkinson's Support Group: Thursday, Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m. The topic will be deep-brain stimulation with speaker Todd McAvay, Activa Associate Therapy consultant. For more information, contact Kristine Arakelian at the senior center.

Computer Interest Group: The next meeting of the computer interest group will be held Monday, Oct. 16 at 1:30 p.m. The group meets in the lower level activity room of Memorial Hall Library, and all regular computer users are welcome to attend.

Boston Symphony Open Rehearsal: Thursday, Nov. 2 depart from the center at 8 a.m. Cost is \$28. Come join us for the Boston Symphony open rehearsal with conductor James Levine. Following rehearsal, we'll head over to Faneuil Hall where you can enjoy lunch on your own.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Oct. 23 at 1 p.m. we will show the Andover *True Love* story of a young woman who must have the courage to take and stand up for a second chance and prove that miracles can happen.

Book Club: Thursday, Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m. The next topic is *Bridge on the River Kwai*. Book to discuss with the group. Everyone welcome.

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OBITUARIES

Margaret E. Arnold

Longtime resident of Andover

Margaret E. (Jackson) Arnold, 97, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Methuen Health and Rehabilitation.

Born in Liverpool, England, she was a longtime resident of Andover, who then moved to Seabrook Beach, N.H.

She was also a former member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

She was the widow of O. Albert Arnold.

Members of her family include her daughter, Priscilla J. Burgiel of Mesquite, Texas; one son, Robert A. Arnold and his wife Sandra J. Arnold of Methuen; one sister, Priscilla Nolet of Seabrook, N.H., with whom she lived for many years and was her loving caregiver; one brother, Albert W. Jackson of Methuen; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Breast Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718.

Arrangements were by the Pollard Funeral Home in Methuen.

Helen A. Cogger

Longtime teacher enjoyed retirement in Andover

Helen A. Cogger, 95, of Ohio and formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Judson Retirement Community in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Cogger was raised in Lowell and lived her adult life in Lawrence and Andover.

Mrs. Cogger was a teacher. She began her career in Medford and later taught for 22 years at the Tilton and Consenting schools in Haverhill. She was a graduate of Lowell University and Calvin Coolidge College.

Mrs. Cogger enjoyed her retirement years living in Andover. She moved to

Cleveland, Ohio, in January, to be with her daughter.

She was the widow of John A. Cogger.

Members of her family include her daughter, Janice Cogger of Cleveland, Ohio. She was also pre-deceased by her son, Jack Cogger of Allendale, N.J.

Arrangements were by the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

Peggy L. Franz

Hairdresser formed Girl Scout troop

Peggy L. (Hall) Franz, 85, of Methuen, died Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover with her dear friend Ruth Moore of Methuen by her side. She was born, raised and educated in Coeburn, Va.

She lived most of her life and made her home in Methuen.

She was employed for a time at the former Casa d'Oro in Methuen and Cherry & Webb in Lawrence as a hairdresser.

She helped to form Girl Scout Troop 32 at the Oakland Street School in Methuen and was also an active member of the V.F.W. in Salem, N.H.

Friends said she will be missed as she had a winning personality and compassion towards those less fortunate.

Members of her family include three children, Donald L. Hall and his wife Marlene of Charleston, W.V., Linda Garrity and her husband Donald of Pelham, N.H., and Dan Franz and his wife Charlene of Claremont, Fla.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, Roger Jordan.

Friends may call today, Thursday, Oct. 5 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Charles F. Dewhurst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. A funeral service will follow at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

DEATHS

Mia Louise Antognoni, 50
Margaret E. Arnold, 97
Leo L. Catalfimo, 88
Helen A. Cogger, 95
Peggy L. Franz, 85
Rosemary J. Seccareccio

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

ANTOGNONI — Mia Louise Antognoni, 50, of Hampstead, N.H., formerly of Haverhill, died unexpectedly Tuesday, Sept. 26, at her residence. She was an entrepreneur, and started her own children's upscale clothing company, Mia Bambini, in Lawrence. She opened a small store in Andover's Olde Andover Village in December, 2004. It closed about a year later.

CATALFIMO — Leo L. Catalfimo, 88, of Salem, N.H., died Saturday, Sept. 30, at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen after an extended illness. Prior to his retirement, he was a machine mechanic for Raytheon Co. for 33 years in Andover, Waltham and Shawsheen.

Burial will take place in Virginia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Auxiliary Post 8546, 42 N. Broadway, Salem, N.H. 03079 or to a charity of one's choice.

Rosemary J. Seccareccio

Was volunteer at Lawrence General Hospital

Rosemary J. (O'Sullivan) Seccareccio, of Andover, died Saturday, Sept. 30, at Warde Health Center in Windham, N.H.

She was born in Lawrence to Daniel and Mary (O'Connor) O'Sullivan.

She was a homemaker and a volunteer for Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Seccareccio was the widow of Dr. Paul Seccareccio, DMD, who died in 1990.

Members of her family include a son, Paul J. Seccareccio and his wife Donna of Windham, N.H.; and daughters, Jane Markey of Seabrook, N.H., and Suzanne Poirier of Lawrence; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen.

Memorial contributions may be made to Warde Health Center, 21 Searles Road, Windham, NH 03087.

Memorial service for Craig Thorn on Oct. 8

A memorial service for Phillips Academy teacher and former chairman of the English department Craig Thorn IV will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus.

Mr. Thorn, of Andover, died at the age of 47 on Monday, June 12 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a battle against cancer. A member of the English Department at Phillips Academy for 26 years, he has shaped countless students' lives, inspired his colleagues, stamped his character on the academy with his boundless creative energy, and nurtured a loving family," said Phillips Academy in a release.

Mr. Thorn was born on Dec. 14, 1958, in Hudson, N.Y., a place and region of which he was proud, and to which he was loyal.

Hired as a teaching fellow at Andover in 1980, he joined the faculty as instructor in English. His classroom was a hot-house of intellect, a haven of hip, and a profound reservoir of teacherly love.

It was as a house counselor (Eaton Cottage, Bishop Hall and Thompson House) where he struck his most enduring ties with his students, according to the school, and as general manager of the student radio station WPAA where he rose to cult status.

He wove his family both into the school's fabric and the town's, where he was an avid and generous supporter of youth activities and civic groups.

He is survived by his wife Andrea, his son Alex, and his daughter Kelsey, all of Andover; as well as his parents and siblings.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Craig Thorn Memorial Fund at Phillips Academy. Those wishing to make a gift in Mr. Thorn's memory should make checks payable to Trustees of Phillips Academy, with "Craig Thorn Memorial Fund" noted in the memo line. Contributions should be sent to Pat Diodati in the Office of Academy Resources, Phillips Academy, 180 Main Street, Andover, MA 01810.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1906

A "freak" in nature was brought in to the *Townsmen* office recently, it being a marigold which had gone to seed and sprouted again. The curiosity had five blossoms and six buds and was picked from the garden of Clairmont Gray on Washington avenue.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows is planning to hold a mock trial in the town hall in the near future.

At the congressional convention held in Lowell on Thursday, Edward Brooks of this town was chosen a member of the congressional district committee.

Miss Mary Bayle and Miss Nellie Cunningham left Thursday morning on a trip to New York by way of Albany and the Hudson river. They were aboard the Boston and Troy express which was wrecked at Lansingburg yesterday. The

young ladies were uninjured.

The regular meeting of the Andover Mothers' club is being held in the kindergarten rooms in the Jackson School, this afternoon.

Don't forget the dance to be run in Abbott Village Hall this evening, under the auspices of the Association Football Club. A good time is assured all who attend.

Town pay day is Monday.

75 Years Ago - 1931

The biblical music drama, "Queen Esther", given by the Boxford Oratorio society this summer at its annual outdoor concert is to be repeated at the First Church of Christ, Bradford, Monday evening, October 19. The cast will be practically the same as that at the Boxford performance.

A part of the mail delivery to Andover people Tuesday afternoon of this week was some-

what mutilated and caused many townspeople to inquire as to why the letters were in such a bad condition. The mutilation was the result of a strange accident to a mail pouch. It was tossed off a train about 100 yards below the Andover station as a train sped through the town, but apparently was not tossed off carefully, for the pouch was dragged beneath the wheels of a car and chewed to pieces.

Mrs. Horace Bodwell, 71 Elm Street, telephone 899, wishes to announce that she has resumed her magazine subscription business, and is ready to receive orders.

Mrs. Frank Paige of 53 Salem Street is supplying as organist and choir director at the First Baptist Church at Fitchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stopford of Balmoral Street moved to Methuen on Wednesday.

"Old Fire-Eater" Goes On Exhibition Here: Piece of Apparatus Which Formed Sole Protection for Ballardvale Is at Andover Historical Society-Needs Missing Bell, Buckets

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Angus, and Rev. Frederick B. Noss, all of Andover attended the Massachusetts World Christianity Leadership Training Institute held at The Chateau of the Northfield hotel Wednesday.

50 Years Ago - 1956

One of the oldest adult education programs in the nation begins its 20th year Oct. 8, when the Phillips Academy-sponsored Andover Evening Study program starts.

One of the features of Andover Olympic Week is the tennis exhibition at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, on the red courts in back of the Case Memorial Baseball Cage at Phillips academy.

A few adults here- and obviously many more throughout the state- won't be able to vote Nov. 6. But it isn't because they are indifferent to that responsibility - it's because some state laws toss a voter off the polling lists before he can be registered in a new state.

An offer to pay personally for the installation of more than 1000 feet of 12-inch water main on Greenwood Road, made to the Board of Public Works Monday night, has been tabled.

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Mrs. Ralph Rosenblad will conduct classes for women of this vicinity on the subject of South East Asia during the month of November.

Boy Scout Troop 76 will join all other Andover Boy Scout and Explorers at a week-end Camporee at Vincent Treanor's Hobby Horse Farm on Osgood st. All scouts are to report at the scout room at 7 o'clock on Thursday evening with all their camping equipment.

The Blue Devils will be gunning for their third straight win Saturday at 2 when they travel to Billerica.

25 Years Ago - 1981

For cheerleaders and younger fans alike, Saturday afternoon's Andover High football game was a joy as the Warriors romped over Austin Prep.

A nine-member committee that has been studying ways to fight the despised gypsy moth will probably come up with two alternatives, the public health director said yesterday: aerial spraying, or the "do nothing approach."

Auditions for the Andover Community Theater's fall production, "A Christmas Carol," directed by Tom Kirkman, will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 5, 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the East Junior High School, Bartlet Street, Andover.

Selectmen responded to a petition from Summer Street residents by voting unanimously to have a stop sign placed at the corner of Summer and Upland Road.

Andover's fall aluminum drive will be held behind Town

Hall this Saturday, Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Community Room of the Lawrence Savings Bank in Shawsheen Square will be the setting for the first of four series sponsored by the Andover Chamber of Commerce.

The Andover Historical Society's First Sunday Series begins its fall season on Sunday, Oct. 4, with the slide-tape presentation, "Main Street Andover Since the Turn of the Century."

10 Years Ago - 1996

The Andover School of Montessori on South Main Street opened this past Monday, Sept. 30, more than three weeks late but without any additional problems.

Upset with pay cuts and by a perceived betrayal of trust by the School Committee, Andover's substitute teachers have charged the Andover schools with using "unfair labor practices".

A horde of 3,500 cyclists took off from Boston Thursday, Sept. 5. Somewhere inside the crowd were Barbara Dillman and Ila Cox, both of Andover. Everyone was biking to raise money and support for AIDS research, treatment and awareness as part of AIDS Ride 2.

A generous friend has donated \$100,000 to the Andover group that's collecting money for a new senior center.

CVS pharmacy is hosting a flu shot clinic Monday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon, and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

- Compiled by What's Up contributor Michelle Weiner

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AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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with an MVC match at Methuen. The next three are home at the Dunn Gym, today (Thursday) versus non-league Melrose, next Tuesday against non-league Peabody and next Wednesday with Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

Team leaders

Midway through the season Heather Arvidson leads AHS in kills with 56, and Katie Fionte is tops in service aces with 37.

Meghan Thomann has 42 kills and Caroline O'Malley 35, while Allie Navarro has 27 aces. Top three in serving accuracy are Arvidson at 98 percent, Fionte 96 percent, and Thomann 96 percent.

Defensively, top passers at 88 and 81 percent respectively are Navarro (275-for-312) and Thomann (160-for-184).

As a team, the Lady Warriors have 212 kills and 111 aces through 10 matches while serving at 92 percent, hitting at 82 percent and passing at 80 percent.

Andover 3 Tewksbury 0

After winning only six matches in the previous seven years combined, revitalized TMHS entered this one with a 5-2 record this season.

But the improved visitors were no problem for the Lady Warriors, who rolled to a 25-14, 25-11, 25-18 sweep at the Dunn.

It was a lot easier than we expected," admitted coach Sullivan. "We just dominated."

Top hitters were Caroline O'Malley and Meghan Thomann, the former 10-for-12 with seven kills and the latter 11-for-13 with five kills.

O'Malley was also 4-for-4 serving, with one ace, and Thomann 4-for-5 serving and 20-for-24 passing.

Capt. Allie Navarro contributed 5-for-7 hitting, 17-for-18 serving and 22-for-25 passing, with two kills and a team-high five aces.

Katie Fionte went 8-for-9 hitting and 14-for-14 serving, with three kills and three aces.

Junior Kim Crawford had a personal season-high four aces on a perfect 9-for-9 serving, and she was 8-for-10 passing.

Heather Arvidson finished 4-for-6 hitting, 4-for-4 serving and 3-for-3 passing, while sophomore Shayna Orent recorded two kills, 3-for-3 hitting, 11-for-14 passing and Capt. Kasey O'Dea was 9-for-10 serving with one ace.

Also playing well for the locals were Annie Tibbitts (2-for-2 hitting, one ace), Rebecca Johnson (serving, passing) and Amy Philpott.

Andover completed the match 43-for-53 hitting (81 percent) with 20 kills, 63-for-67 serving (94 percent) with 14 aces and 70-for-96 passing (73 percent).

Andover JV-A squad rolled 2-0 in the prelim by lopsided game scores of 25-8 and 25-12.

Playing well were Jessica Spates (three blocks), Lauren Kirwin (9-for-10 serving, six aces, two kills), Rebecca Marton (8-for-9 serving, four aces), Ariel Kuykendall (6-for-7 passing), Rebecca Johnson (7-for-9 passing) and Kirsten Arvidson (5-for-5 hitting, four kills).

There was no JV-B match because Peabody did not show (scheduling snafu).

Andover 3 Chelmsford 0

In handing perennial power and host Chelmsford a rare 3-0 loss, AHS rolled to successive 25-15, 25-21 and 25-14 victories.

It's no secret Chelmsford has consistently given the Lady Warriors trouble in the past – and the Lions had only one MVC loss (3-0 to Billerica) heading into this one.

Considering their history, it stands to reason coach Sullivan and his team took extra satisfaction in this win – even moreso because it was accomplished "in the Lions' Den."

"Obviously it was nice to break the (Chelmsford) jinx," said Sullivan. "Our kids were strong and aggressive from the start. We led the first and third games pretty much from beginning to end."

In the middle game, however, CHS threatened to even the match until AHS rallied for a 20-20 tie and then closed it out with a 5-1 run to carry momentum into game three.

"We had outstanding passing and defense from Allie (Navarro) and Meghan (Thomann)," said Sullivan. "And Kasey (O'Dea) did a terrific job setting. She's a great leader on the floor – constantly talking, communicating and keeping everyone alert."

Thomann had a monster all-around match with 21-for-25 hitting, 10 kills, 9-for-9 serving, two aces and 23-for-26 passing.

Heather Arvidson was also powerful at net, finishing with a co-high 10 kills and 30-for-32 hitting. She also went 5-for-6 serving and 3-for-5 passing.

Shayna Orent played what Sullivan felt was her best match to date, providing six kills, 10-for-11 hitting, 4-for-4 serving and 15-for-16 passing.

The ever-improving Katie Fionte contributed four kills, one ace, 14-for-19 hitting, 18-for-18 serving and 20-for-26 passing.

Versatile libero Navarro ended

up 7-for-9 hitting with four kills, 17-for-18 serving with five of the team's nine aces, and 20-for-29 passing.

Caroline O'Malley was a force with 12-for-15 hitting, 6-for-6 serving with one ace, and 8-for-9 passing.

O'Dea added 3-for-3 hitting, 4-for-7 serving and 8-for-11 passing. Kim Crawford was 2-for-2 passing and 1-for-1 serving.

As a team, AHS rattled the Lions with 34 kills, nine aces, 97-for-114 hitting (85 percent), 64-for-69 serving (93 percent) and 100-for-125 passing (80 percent).

Coach Dave Kuykendall's Andover JV-A crew (9-1) also swept 2-0, by game scores of 25-22 and 25-14, as Daria Tchessalova went 15-for-15 serving with seven aces and 13-for-16 passing. Ariel Kuykendall was 13-for-17 passing and Kirsten Arvidson had four blocks, two kills.

The JV-B squad (5-2) prevailed 2-0, by 25-12 and 25-17 margins, as Alicia Bursey had 15 aces and other standouts included Alicia Scarpa (serving), Jackie Collins (defense) and Kailagh O'Keefe (serving).

GOLF

The undefeated Andover High golf team improved to a perfect 11-0 after beating Tewksbury and Methuen recently, tripping up the Redmen, 12-8, in their tightest match thus far before blasting the Rangers, 20-0.

Schedule

The undefeated record was on the line yesterday (Wednesday), after Townsman presstime, when AHS journeyed to Hickory Hill GC in Methuen to face two-time reigning conference champ Central Catholic. Andover beat the Raiders, 14-6, earlier this fall at Indian Ridge CC.

This afternoon (Thursday) the Golden Warriors host Chelmsford at IRCC (3:30 p.m.), the Lions stumbling slightly this past week after starting the season 8-1 with the only loss to Andover (14-6).

Andover 12 Tewksbury 8

This was the closest margin of victory this season for the MVC leaders, who have scored between 14 and 20 points while allowing no more than six in all their other victories.

This one was played at Tewksbury's home Trull Brook GC where the Redmen are usually very tough to beat.

Remaining unbeaten while

accounting for six points were No. 1 Colin Brennan, who rolled to a 4-and-3 triumph, No. 3 Kevin Calabro a 2-up victor and No. 4 Dave Douvadjian who prevailed, 3-and-2.

Capt. Brennan and Douvadjian both shot 2-under 34 and Calabro carded a 37.

Capt. Calabro and Douvadjian won their best ball point, 1-up, and Brennan teamed with No. 2 James Gaffney to take the fourball, 3-and-2.

Gaffney suffered his first loss of the season, 3-and-1, to TMHS standout Rob Trayah who put the only other blemish on Gaffney's record when the pair halved earlier this fall.

The other Andover winner was sophomore No. 8 Sean Burke, who fired a stunning 4-under 32 for medalist honors on his way to a 3-and-2 triumph.

"Everyone wondered what our No. 8 player was doing shooting four-under," chuckled coach Kwajewski. "It was one of those days where Sean was 'on' and everything was going right for him."

Burke and junior No. 7 Ben Rosenzweig teamed to win the best ball, 3-and-2.

Junior No. 5 Dave Boudreau halved his match and sophomore No. 6 Brendan Mahoney dropped a tough decision, 1-down, on the final hole.

Andover 20 Methuen 0

After coming close on four other occasions this fall, the host Golden Warriors registered the rare shutout by sweeping to victory in all eight individual matches and the four best ball competitions at Indian Ridge CC.

The AHS victors were Colin Brennan (4-and-3), James Gaffney (1-up), Kevin Calabro (3-and-1), Dave Douvadjian (5-and-3), Dave Boudreau (2-up), freshman No. 6 Dave Gilbert (1-up), Sean Burke (a 5-and-4 shutout) and freshman No. 8 Adam Rosenzweig (4-and-2).

Earning the best ball points were Brennan and Gaffney (2-and-1), Calabro/Douvadjian (5-and-3), Boudreau/Gilbert (1-up), Burke/Rosenzweig (4-and-2).

Brennan was overall medalist for the eighth time this season with a 1-under 35, while Calabro and Douvadjian both shot 1-over 37 and Boudreau carded a 39. Gaffney and Burke tied 4th.

The Golden Warriors also slammed Methuen, 18-2, back on Sept. 11.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Andover High girls and boys cross country teams had polar opposite results in a Merrimack Valley Conference quad-meet, with the undefeated Lady Warriors sweeping to three victories over Lowell, Methuen and host Tewksbury while the injury-riddled and illness-weakened boys were swept by their counterparts from the same three schools.

The trio of wins hiked the AHS girls' record to 5-0 overall while the boys fell to 1-4.

Schedule

Both Andover teams returned to the trails yesterday (Wednesday) at Haverhill, after Townsman presstime, with both competing against the host Hillies and the girls also facing Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro.

Next Wednesday there is another MVC tri-meet at Chelmsford versus the host school and Dracut (3:30 p.m.).

The second home meet – and regular season finale, is Oct. 18 versus visiting Central Catholic (3:30).



Kevin Moran (left) battles a Lawrence defender during the Andover High boys soccer game on Tuesday night.

Andover girls

The Lady Warriors used their impressive depth to capture eight of the top 15 places in the sweep, defeating Lowell, 15-50, Methuen, 24-38, and Tewksbury, 24-35.

After winning the locals' first two races, senior Sacred Heart University-bound Maggie Cosgrove placed second in this one by covering Tewksbury's 3.0-mile course at the Livingston Street complex in 19 minutes, 14 seconds.

In addition to Cosgrove's performance, just 8 seconds off the winner's 19:06, a huge key to the three triumphs was a group finish by tightly-bunched AHS harriers Mary Burke, Jenn George and Shannon Cooney.

"Those three crossing the line together – within four seconds of one another – clinched the meet for us," said assistant coach Russ Wrigley.

Burke, a junior, was 6th overall in 20:42 while fellow junior Jenn George placed 7th in 20:44 and sophomore Shannon Cooney 8th in 20:46.

Three more Andover runners grabbed the 10th, 11th and 12th places, junior Vanessa DiPasquale clocking 21:10, sophomore Colleen Shannon 21:17 and junior Laura Renfro 21:19.

Maggie King also ran strong for the Lady Warriors with a 15th-place 21:42 time.

Andover boys

The Golden Warriors were without their top two runners in the triple setback to Lowell, 18-39, Methuen, 15-48, and host Tewksbury, 19-38.

No. 1 Pete Shaw, a senior captain and 2005 MVC All-Star, remains sidelined with a stress fracture.

Flu-ridden fellow senior Capt. Frank Perrone, coming off two strong races, tried to compete but had to stop about halfway through the 3-mile test.

Senior Capt. Sayo Maldari was the first AHS harrier across, 9th overall in 17 minutes, 6 seconds, while sophomore Andrew Speen placed 20th in 17:44 and junior Dave Easton was 21st in 17:46.

Matt Collier of Methuen won the race in 16:12.

BOYS SOCCER

Senior midfielder/striker and Capt. Kevin Twomey produced his first hat trick of the season – and the team's third – to power the Andover High boys varsity soccer squad to a 7-2 thrashing of host Lawrence Tuesday night under the lights on the new turf at Lawrence Veterans Stadium.

That lopsided victory, coupled with a tough 2-1 loss to Haverhill, left head coach Mike Wartman's AHS crew at 6-2-2 overall and 5-1-2 in Merrimack Valley Conference play.

Schedule

AHS returns to action this Saturday night with a non-league game under the lights at Danvers (7 p.m.). Next Tuesday it's back to the conference with a 7 p.m. game at Lovely Field against Methuen.

Andover 7 Lawrence 2

Twomey got the Golden Warriors off and flying with a pair of goals just five minutes apart in the first 15 minutes of the game.

Senior striker Greg Boumil made it 3-0 by halftime, and after intermission Twomey completed his "trick and senior striker Norbert Guery connected.

Other marksmen, both netting their first varsity goal, were sophomore striker Surjya Chakraborty and junior midfielder Sam Cook.

"It was nice to play a game where we controlled the action from start to finish," said Wartman. "Everyone played and everyone contributed. We had 10 players figure in the scoring (goal and/or assist)."

Senior middle Craig Massey passed out two assists and other setups went to Brian Spurr, Colin Hopkins, Jeff Pirro and sophomore Sam Percival.

For Pirro and Percival it was their first point of the season.

Jeff Salvesen played the first half

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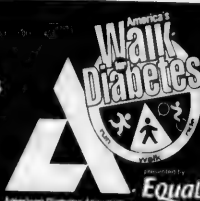
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AHS ROUNDUP

Win keeps AHS football in contention for conference title

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High varsity football team, once again riding strong offensive performances from Mike Pierce and Ken Masse, projected itself into the Merrimack Valley Conference title picture with a 34-22 blast past visiting Billerica under the lights at Lovely Field.

Junior quarterback Pierce scored his eighth touchdown in four games on a nine-yard run, and enjoyed his best game through the air by throwing TD passes to Matt Rayner, Corey Steele and Masse.

Masse accounted for 16 points with a 10-yard TD reception, a two-yard touchdown run and 4-for-5 in PAT kicks.

Masse also had his most prolific game running the football, picking up a team-high 166 yards on 23 carries.

The "Spirit Night" victory hiked the Golden Warriors record to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the MVC, while defending conference champ Billerica is also 1-1 in league play but just 1-3 overall. Had AHS lost, it would have had a tough time digging out of an early 0-2 hole in the standings.

As it now stands, another huge game looms tomorrow (Friday) night against Haverhill at Haverhill Stadium (7 p.m.).

The undefeated and surprising Hillies, off to their best start in years at 4-0, are leading the balanced MVC with a 2-0 league ledger.

Central Catholic and Lowell are both 1-0 while Andover is tied with Dracut, Billerica and Tewksbury at 1-1. With only eight league games every one is crucial. If the locals bring Haverhill back to earth it will further tighten up the conference race approaching the halfway mark of the season.

Billerica crumbles

After the rivals traded scores in each of the first two quarters, creating a 14-14 halftime tie, AHS took charge against Billerica with a pair of third-period touchdowns just four minutes apart.

Pierce, who now has four TD passes in four games, pitched a 25 yard strike to Matt Rayner early in the stanza as the locals grabbed their third lead of the game and moved ahead to stay. Masse plowed over from the two yard line with 3:41 left in the period to make it 27-14. Pierce and senior fullback Corey Steele hooked up on 58 yard pass-and-run play in the opening minute of the fourth quarter to put the game out of Billerica's reach.

In the first period, Pierce raced nine yards to get AHS on the board before the Indians countered less than two minutes later with a 46 yard TD pass to Ken Mangie to tie it, 7-7.

Pierce lofted a 10-yard TD pass to the versatile Masse with less than three minutes elapsed in the second session, but again Billerica retaliated quickly on a four yard TD run three minutes later by Gary McKay, who a week earlier ran for 103 yards on 22 carries and scored two TDs on a pair of two-yard dives in a 21-14 victory over Methuen.

The Andover defense held the Indians to just 79 yards rushing after BMHS had two backs (McKay and Mangie) run for more than 100 yards each in the Methuen game.

Billerica is not the team it was last year. The graduation of All-Scholastic players James McCluskey (currently at Boston College) and Greg Abelli, along with an early injury to No. 1 quarterback Tim Morrison, has left the Indians scrambling to find ways to win. Head coach Peter Flynn's squad finished 8-0 in the conference last fall.

including a 28-14 victory over Andover, and the visitors were working on a nine-game league win streak which was snapped by AHS.

Billerica has now won 10 of the last 14 games in the series versus Andover, but since 1980 the rivals have played 27 times with AHS holding a 14-13 edge.

Maglio comments

"We're trying to have our players go just one way and it worked out well this week," noted coach Maglio. "Our guys were fresh in the second half and we dominated the line of scrimmage."

"We had big plays from a lot of different people and it was a total team effort."

"Ken Masse had fresh legs and it showed as he had his best game thus far," noted Maglio. "And Corey Steele had some big-time blocks to help Kenny break open."

"Defensively we did an excellent job against the run. They had two backs (Mangie, McKay) run for more than 100 yards each the previous week and we held them way below that."

"J.B. Israel, Gordon Dubois, Sam Clark, Jon Crush, Brendan Hughes, Peter Hanson and Derrick Beasley all played solid games defensively," lauded Maglio.

Statistics

•Andover has had no problem scoring thus far, piling up 104 points in its first four games for a hefty 26.0 per game average.

•Pierce continues to lead the locals in scoring with 48 points and Masse now has 32 on three TDs, eight PAT kicks and two field goals.

•Sam Clark was the top AHS tackler with nine stops, followed by Gordon Dubois with seven and Mike Ruth five.

Derrick Beasley, Brendan Hughes, Joe Lattari and Tripp Stevens contributed three tackles each.

•J.B. Israel sacked the quarterback twice for 14 yards in losses, while Beasley had the Golden Warriors' interception and fumble recoveries were made by Stevens, Pierce and Riki Retelle.

•Mike Pierce was a valuable weapon as a punter, too, averaging 37.8 yards for four kicks.

Haverhill next

The Golden Warriors can really make the rest of the conference sit up and take notice by beating undefeated Haverhill in Friday night's game under the lights at Haverhill Stadium.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

The surprising Hillies, operating under new head coach Tim Briggs, will enter 4-0 overall and 2-0 in MVC games. After season-opening non-league wins over Malden, 21-10, and Catholic Memorial, 25-0, Haverhill has trimmed league rivals Chelmsford, 9-7, and Methuen, 20-7.

After a slow start last weekend against improved Methuen, the Hillies came back with QB Peter Byron and the defense leading the way.

Byron threw for more than 250 yards against the Rangers, including two TD tosses of 43 and 19 yards to favorite target Peter Early.

Corey Gobbi led a meager ground game with 42 yards and a two yard touchdown dive. Steve Cox is the other leading rusher. Haverhill fell behind 7-0 in the second quarter and broke a 7-7 halftime tie with a pair of second-half scores.

Andover topped the Hillies 21-14 last year, 21-6 in 2004 and 35-14 in 2003. The last Haverhill win was 27-16 in 2002. Since 1980 the locals hold a 16-7-3 overall series edge.

ANDOVER 34, BILLERICA 22

at Lovely Field, Andover

	1	2	3	4	Total
Billerica	7	7	0	8	22
Andover	7	7	13	7	34

First Quarter
A: Mike Pierce 9 run (Ken Masse kick)
B: Ken Mangie 46 pass from Eric Blais (Adam Benoit kick)

Second Quarter
A: Masse 10 pass from Pierce (Masse kick)
B: Gary McKay 4 run (Benoit kick)

Third Quarter
A: Matt Rayner 25 pass from Pierce (Masse kick)
A: Masse 2 run (kick failed)

Fourth Quarter
A: Corey Steele 58 pass from Pierce (Masse kick)
B: Mangie 23 pass from Gil Ynostroza (Ynostroza rush)

TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs: Andover 12, Billerica 13
Rushes/Yards: Andover 37-207, Billerica 22-79
Passing: Andover 7-14-1, 133 yards, 3 TDs, Billerica 14-34-1, 162 yards, 2 TDs
Total Yards: Andover 340, Billerica 241
Fumbles/Lost: Andover 3-1, Billerica 3-3
Punts/Average: Andover 4-37.5, Billerica 6-25
Penalties/Yards: Andover 2-20, Billerica 5-50
Scrimmage Plays: Andover 61, Billerica 65
Records: Andover 3-1, 1-1 MVC; Billerica 1-3, 1-1 MVC

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: A: Ken Masse 23-166, TD: Mike Pierce 9-33, TD: Riki Retelle 3-9, Corey Steele 2-1, B: Gil Ynostroza 5-26, Gary McKay 5-25, TD: Ken Mangie 5-22, Eric Blais 6-8
Passing: A: Mike Pierce 7-14-1, 133 yards, 3 TDs, B: Gil Ynostroza 13-33-1, 162 yards, TD: Eric Blais 1-1-0, 46 yards, TD
Receiving: A: Matt Rayner 3-55, TD: Ken Masse 2-16, TD: Corey Steele 1-58, TD: Mike Morander 1-14, B: Eric Blais 6-82, Ken Mangie 4-87, 2 TDs, Adam Hangyai 4-38
Tackles (solo & assisted): A: Sam Clark 9, Gordon Dubois 7, Mike Ruth 5, Derrick Beasley 3, Joe Lattari 3, Tripp Stevens 3, Mike Tanner 2, J.B. Israel 2, Jeff Martin 2, Doug Hawkins 2, Mark Viscuso 2, Peter Hanson 2, Jon Crush 2, Riki Retelle 1, Steve LaFortune 1
Interception: A: Derrick Beasley 1
Fumble Recoveries: A: Tripp Stevens 1, Mike Pierce 1, Riki Retelle 1
Sacks: A: J.B. Israel 2

MVC FOOTBALL STANDINGS

	W	L	Ov	PF	PA
Haverhill	2	0	4-0	75	24
Central Catholic	1	0	3-1	76	59
Lowell	1	0	3-1	118	86
ANDOVER	1	1	3-1	104	98
Billerica	1	1	1-3	62	96
Dracut	1	1	3-1	116	74
Tewksbury	1	1	2-2	57	60
Chelmsford	0	2	1-3	74	56
Methuen	0	2	0-3	21	58

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Tim Bengston of Andover, a former All-Conference soccer player at Andover High, is a sophomore defenseman on the UMass Lowell men's soccer team this fall.

Bengston picked up an assist on the River Hawks' second goal as UML dropped a season-opening 4-2 decision to non-conference host Dowling College in Oakdale, N.Y.

He also assisted on the third (insurance goal) in a 3-1 non-conference victory over the University of New Haven.

The 2004 AHS graduate, a midfielder and captain for the Golden Warriors, was a multi-time All-Merrimack Valley Conference and Eastern Mass. All-Scholastic honoree. He capped his career with the Golden Warriors by scoring 14 goals and 30 total

points as a senior in the fall of 2003.

Sean Smith of Andover, a returning senior cornerback on the Bentley College football team's defensive unit, was selected to the Northeast-10 Conference Weekly Honor Roll recently.

The Football Gazette National Division 2 Defensive Player of the Week in late September, Smith sealed a 24-21 win over Merrimack College by snagging his fourth interception in two games with just 1:16 left to play. Smith also produced a game-high 11 tackles against the Warriors.

Smith, who helped the Falcons to a 7-3 record last year, was named Northeast-10 Conference in 2005. He finished that season with 38 tackles and five takeaways (three interceptions and two fumble recoveries).

Courtney Hale and **Oriana Federico**, both of Andover, are members of women's fall sports teams at Wheaton College.

Hale is a senior (one of only two) on the

women's soccer team and Federico, a graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton, is a sophomore tennis player.

The versatile Hale, who splits time at defense, midfield and forward while wearing lucky uniform jersey No. 13, passed out two assists while appearing in 19 games last season as Wheaton went 18-5-2 overall including 8-0-1 in New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference play.

This year Hale is expected to either earn a starting position or be the first back off the bench for the Lyons, who have qualified for the NCAA Tournament six straight years and won the NEWMAC title five of the last six.

As a freshman last year on Wheaton's tennis team, which finished 9-6 overall and 4-3 in the conference, Federico played one singles match at No. 6 and won it. She also went 1-2 in doubles. In pre-season figuring, Federico was tabbed as easily the most improved player on the team and a sure-fire bet to be the starter at No. 5 singles.

AHS Roundup

■ SOCCER

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in net and blanked the Lancers, making three saves before Zach Mintz finished up and stopped four of the six shots he faced over the final 40 minutes.

"This is the second time this fall we've played on the new stadium turf – and the kids really enjoy it," said Wartman. "The bounces are true and it's a real plus for the quicker players."

Haverhill 2

Andover 1

The host Golden Warriors suffered their first MVC loss in this battle of division leaders.

The teams traded first-half goals, with AHS junior midfielder Brian Spurr tying it during the 30th minute after Yann de Oliveira had given Haverhill (5-1-1) the lead 15 minutes earlier.

Senior midfielder Craig Massey picked up the assist on Spurr's third goal of the season, feeding a crisp crossing pass to his teammate stationed at the far post for the finishing move.

Federico Alves netted the unassisted game-winner for the Hillies with less than 10 minutes to play.

Goalkeeper Jeff Salvesen made four saves between the posts for Andover, as both teams finished with six shots on net.

"We played hard and I don't think the week between games hurt us," said coach Wartman. "Everyone who stepped on the field did a good job. I was pleased with our intensity. We moved the ball well and created some (scoring) opportunities – just not enough of them."

GIRLS SOCCER

The Andover High girls varsity soccer team rolled into the Division 1 North Tournament following two more impressive Merrimack Valley Conference victories, a 1-0 squeeze past stubborn Haverhill and an 8-0 pounding of host Notre Dame Academy in a Tuesday afternoon game played in Tyngsboro.

The back-to-back shutouts ran the locals' overall record to a perfect 10-0, including 7-0 atop MVC Division 1. The Lady Warriors now have six shutouts, including two in a row and four in the last five games, and a huge 38-6 scoring edge on the opposition.

Schedule

Coach Meaghan Matson's team returns to MVC action this afternoon (Thursday), hosting Tewksbury, and next Tuesday the AHS girls will host Dracut (both 3:30 p.m. games).

Andover 1

Haverhill 0

The Lady Warriors preserved their perfect record by edging past stubborn, upset-minded Haverhill.

Alex Bengston's header off a Jess Morrow corner kick during the 73rd minute of play broke the scoreless tie.

Thanks to the aggressive AHS defense, keeper Camille Fantini did not have to face a shot on net as she recorded her fourth solo shutout of the season.

"Haverhill packed its defenders in tight and their goalkeeper (Kayla Grover) played a fantastic game to keep it close," said coach Matson.

"We had outstanding play from our frontrunners, Catherine LoMedico and Rikki Sartor, while Alex Bengston controlled the middle of the field."

"They caught our defense a few times in transition and made it tough because they matched our speed."

"We also gave a few of our people a break," said Matson. "Erica Leber is nursing tendonitis in her knee – and we're taking it easy with (captain) Brittany Weeks as a precaution after she suffered a concussion earlier this season."

Andover 8

Notre Dame Academy 0

Sophomore striker Satin Zarkar scored a natural hat trick – netting three straight goals – and junior forward Allie Umlah pocketed the first two AHS goals of the game three minutes apart to launch a five-goal first half against struggling NDA.

Zarkar's goals were her first of the season and the hat trick was the second for the team this fall.

Junior defender Amanda Fantini and her twin sister, goalkeeper Camille, both notched their first goal.

Camille's was unassisted in the second half, capping the Andover attack, as she played up front while Becky Cairns stepped in net to record her second solo shutout and the team's sixth overall.

Kelly Driscoll also scored late in the opening half, with her goal followed by the first of Zarkar's three less than one minute later. Zarkar added an assist as did senior defender Kelsey Eriksen (first point), Rachel Fox and Emily Barker.

Senior defender Chrissy Peracchi passed out two assists for her first points of the season.

"It was nice to see Satin and several of the other players get on the board," said coach Matson. "Hopefully it will open things up for them and boost their confidence."

Matson also lauded the efforts of midfielders Ilana Cohen and Tamar Brady.



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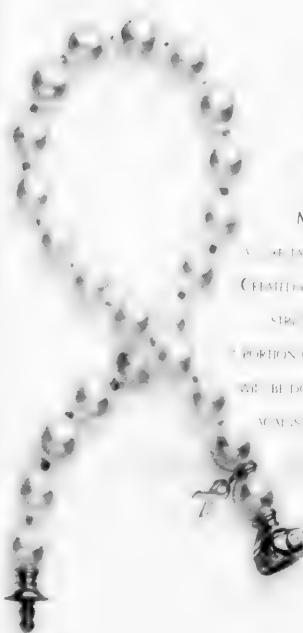
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Taps On Broadway performance, 2 p.m. presented by Northern Essex Community College's Life Long Learning Program in Room 103A in the Technology Center on Haverhill campus. Beverly-based all-women's dance team. Admission \$1; all welcome. Call Charlene Boucher at 978-556-3825 or e-mail boucher@necc.mass.edu.

Author visit, 7 p.m. with Nancy Parsons of North Reading at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. She will speak about her new book, "Bald as a Bean: The Experience of Sudden Hair Loss." Free; all welcome. 978-664-4942

Friday, Oct. 6

Saturday, Oct. 7

Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Haverhill Masonic Building, 111 Merrimack St. Coincides with open house at Masonic building. For information, call Dana Wildes at 978-807-5796.

"Extraordinary Ordinary Ladies" art exhibition opening reception, 3 to 5 p.m. Works by Georgia Renfroe and Thea Shapiro. All welcome. McQuade Library Art Gallery, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. 978-837-5215 or www.noblenet.org/merrimack.

"One Night Only" fundraiser, 8 p.m. with The Quannapowitt Players at 55 Hopking St., Reading. Features vocals of "The New Metropolis." Proceeds benefit efforts to add handicap bathroom on the theater's first floor. Preshow reception at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25. Call 781-942-2212 or visit www.qptheater.com

Sunday, Oct. 8

Autumn historical tour. 2 to 4 p.m. with The Trustees and the Superintendent of Ridgewood Cemetery on Salem Street, North Andover. History of local burial grounds will be discussed. Guests encouraged to bring photos, newspaper clippings and memories of their loved ones as gravesites will be visited. A piper will lead guests to selected sites. Cider and donuts offered to all.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

Quilt appraisals, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with Vivien Lee Sayre, a member of the Professional Association of Appraisers at the Memorial Hall Library, Malover. Written appraisal provided as well as complete description of the item, including age, materials, maker and physical characteristics. Appointments required. Call 978-623-8400. Ext. 49.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of Mothers & More annual Open House, 7 p.m. in the Sanders Building of Tewksbury Hospital. All prospective members welcome. For information, visit www.mnm-merrimack.org; call Jen at 978-455-2350; or e-mail jenkocsmiersky@comcast.net.

Thursday, Oct. 12

Modern dance performance, noon to 1 p.m. as part of the Hispanic Heritage celebration at Northern Essex Community College at the Student Fitness Center on the Haverhill campus. Free; all welcome. 978-738-7413 or 978-738-7437.

Lawrence School Class of 1946
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"Viral Promotion: Tips and Tricks for Creative Producers."
7 p.m. with Ben Williams in the Technology Center on the Northern Essex Community College Haverhill campus. Podcasting is a

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Jennifer Bartlett (left) offers insight into her exhibition at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy last Friday, during the opening reception for all of the Addison's fall exhibitions.

Addison exhibits link diverse American art through the years

By Brian Messenger

A lot can change in 100 years

Needless to say, Brian Allen, director of the Addison Gallery of American Art, had a lot to work with while pulling together one of the museum's new exhibits, "Coming of Age: American Art, 1850s to 1950s," on display until Jan. 7. Taking the traditional and the abstract, the straightforward and the obscure, and juxtaposing them, Allen hopes to strike a chord among museum goers who might draw parallels between such different art forms from different time periods.

"Even the old favorites will, I hope, look different to people," said Allen in between greeting patrons, as the museum on the Phillips Academy campus celebrated its opening reception for fall exhibits. "What we want to do is create an exciting conversation for people."

According to Allen, what's intriguing about the 100 years examined in the exhibit is that in 1850, the United States was provincial, relatively unsophisticated and a frontier land. As one could expect, the art of Americans reflected that landscape. But by 1950, America formed into an international place, the same was so for the country's international arts scene, as New York became the center of the world."

"That's the story that's told," says the director of the new exhibit, which is celebrating the museum's 75th anniversary. "We do it with the best of American."

"I think what Americans were looking for in the 1850s was the specific, the topographical. I think by the 1920s they were looking less for things they could see and more they could feel," said

On the gallery's first floor, a full-scale model of the transformation awaits the visitor. Three turn-of-the-19th-Century equestrian statues of the sea are hung next to a wall of black and white photographs taken by N. J. 1979.

The paintings, by Edward Ho McNeill Whistler and Winslow

Above: Jennifer Bartlett's *Details of Rhapsody*, 1975-1976, enamel over silkscreen grid on baked enamel, steel plates, 90 x 136 inches (228.6 x 466.34 centimeters), from the collection of the Museum of Modern Art, New York. Composed of myriad colored dots of unmixed enamel paints, the paintings on steel plates have become Bartlett's trademark.

by the water. And, too, off a sense of simplicity and solitude, too, his emphasis on bleak colors and broad brush strokes.

Directly next to these paintings is a black and white photographic portrait of a smiling, young man. He is posed in a formal boat crew, taken as part of Stein's series of "Groupings in America." Also featured in the show are the photos of the gravestone of a woman at a cemetery, a group of women, some sitting, some standing behind a black stop sign, a street scene, four hoodlums standing in a row, a family, a murder and a riot group. Many

Allen said that while this series of photos is fun, it also brings up a serious sociological point.

"There is probably no population on earth more immersed in associations than Americans," reads the caption written by Adams next to the photograph. By placing the book next to the view and putting it on display to the public, Adams had a chance to see how long a road he had to travel from frontier isolation to modernity.

Incredible. It's just city, city, city!"



"Fall Palette" at the Saltbox Gallery – The clear, sunlit days and warm earth tones of a New England autumn are reflected in the recent works of the Saltbox Gallery artists, on display through Nov. 10. Above: "Whispers," an oil painting by Ernee Way. Artwork includes paintings in all media, pastels, etchings, pottery, jewelry, and hand-carved items. The gallery is located at 49 Main St., Topsfield Center. Gallery hours are: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For further information, call the gallery at 978-887-3844.

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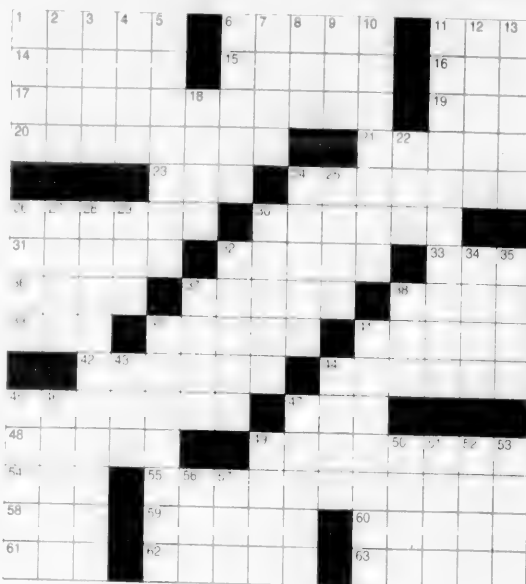
Mary Demaso, artistic director of Dance Prism, prepares students for their auditions at West Elementary School last Friday for the annual winter show, *The Nutcracker*.



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21. Pacific Island nation
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26. Hoards
30. Bowls
31. Burn plants
32. Norwegian composer
33. Upper limb
36. Bog lima
37. The hills of western Iowa
38. Tree genus having oily one-seeded fruits
39. Stray
40. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
41. Th; dig up
42. Escapes capture
44. Nasal grunts
45. Island aka Sulawesi
47. Caesar, comedian
48. Processes a book
49. Cephalgia
54. The creation of beautiful or significant things
55. Decertful



58. Expresses distaste, disapproval
59. The male has enormous flattened antlers
60. Vaulted
61. CNN's founder Turner
62. Norse sagas
63. A person who tries to damage you

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18. Catches
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24. Celtic language
25. C C C
26. Arrived
27. Pesticide banned in 1989
28. Mutually related
29. Norse god Loki's daughter
30. Regions
32. Wounds from a bull's horn
34. Ent; ask passionately
35. 4th planet from the sun
37. Take on cargo
38. Yoko
40. To include within something larger
41. Remove cloth cover
43. Ran in front
44. Breathe deeply and heavily
45. Make with skill or dexterity
46. Suggestive of the supernatural
47. Begets
49. Flat tableland with steep edges
50. After a while
51. Inactive
52. Margosa tree
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Friday, Oct. 13

"How to Prevent Halloween Hangovers," 5 to 6:30 p.m. at The Champion Factory Gymnastics and Circus Arts Center, Chickering Plaza, Route 125, North Andover. Simple preventive measures to keep superheroes and princesses from turning into monsters with Luann Colombo. Free; all welcome. To register, call 978-683-8493.

Weight loss lecture, 6:30 p.m.

with Melissa Zollo of Present Memory on "I Can Heal My Emotional Relationship to Food and I Will." Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. Cost is \$75. For reservations, call Circles of Wisdom Bookstore at 978-474-8010.

"101 Questions and Answers on The Four Last Things," 7 to 9 p.m. with author and professor Dr. Joseph Kelley at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Followed by questions and discussion. Free; all welcome.

5th annual Wine Tasting and Auction to benefit Greater Lawrence YWCA programs, 7 to 11 p.m. at the Andover Country Club. Tickets \$50 per person and available at Messina's Liquors and the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, or by calling Nancy Kieran at 978-687-0331, ext. 1029 or e-mail at nkieran@ywcawlawrence.org.

The Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m. at Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Advance tickets \$15 general; \$12 seniors and students. All tickets \$18 at door. For reservations, call 978-837-5355 or visit www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Alumni concert featuring Shot X Shot, 7:30 p.m., an improvisational acoustic quartet in the Timken Room at Graves Hall, Phillips Academy campus. Free; all welcome. 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

Saturday, Oct. 14

CHIP event, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Regan Ford, 501 Broadway, Haverhill. Child protection program presented by Masons. Free. For information, call Dana Wildes at 978-807-5796.

71st Annual Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance, 6 p.m. with Sons of Italy Lawrence Lodge 902 at Pat's Function Hall, Alpha Street, Haverhill. Tickets \$45 per person. Call Larry Giordano at 978-373-2220.

Hand-made jewelry display, 6 to 9 p.m. by Eli Davidov of the Idit Gallery in Jerusalem, Israel at Margot's Gallery, 52 Wingate St., Haverhill. Free; all welcome. Refreshments will be served. 978-373-0200 or www.margots-gallery.com.

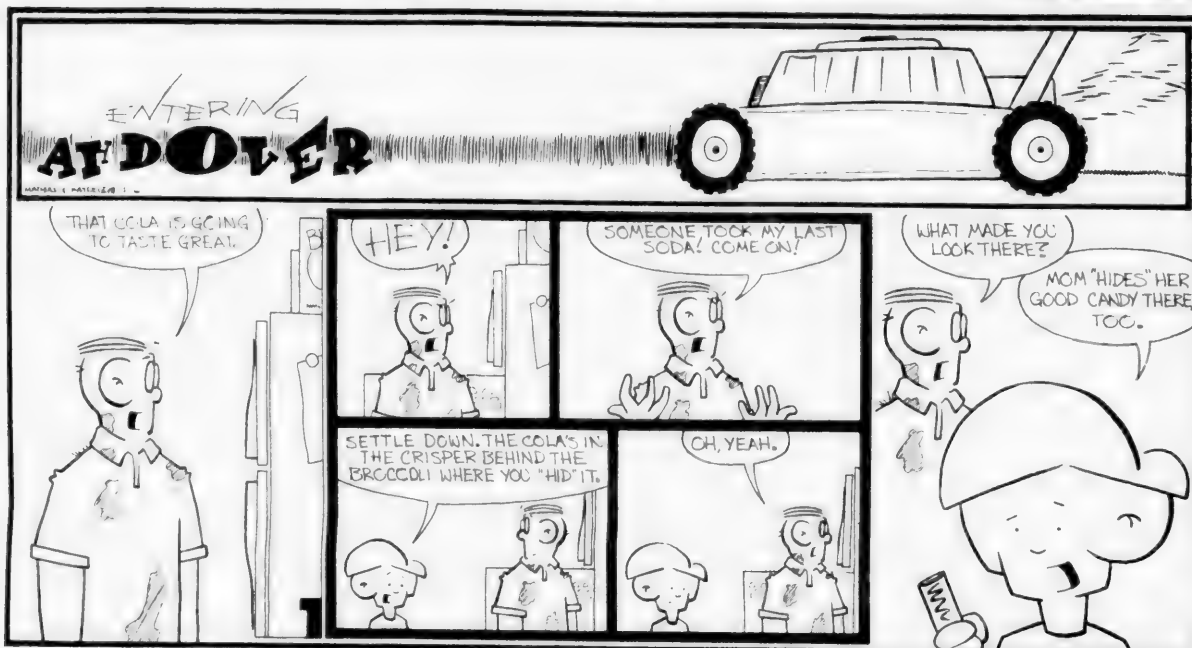
An Evening of Jazz, 7 p.m. featuring Jazz Express at The Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell. Tickets \$9 in advance; \$10 at the door. www.thebrush.org. 978-459-7819.

Tierra Tango performance, 7:30 p.m. featuring Katie Viqueira at Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. Advance tickets \$15 general; \$12 seniors and students. All tickets

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Hindustani Music Sitar Concert. 7:30 p.m. ancient musical tradition from northern India. Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus. Free; all welcome. 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

Crossroads Coffeehouse, 8 p.m. featuring Old School Freight Train, a five-piece acoustic band from Charlottesville, Va. Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Tickets \$14. Advance tickets available at www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org. 978-687-3960.

Sunday, Oct. 15

Hand-made jewelry display, 11

a.m. to 4 p.m. by Eli Davidov of the Idit Gallery in Jerusalem, Israel at Margot's Gallery, 52 Wingate St., Haverhill. Free. Refreshments will be served. 978-373-0200 or www.margotsgallery.com.

Film: "Our Immigrants' Heritage: Remembrances and Reflections," 2 p.m. in old Town Hall, Andover. Presented by the seniors who produce the public-access television show "There's Something About Andover." Film tells story of eight local immigrants. Admission is free. For information, call Judy Trerotola at 978-475-4152.

Coloratura soprano performance, 2 p.m. featuring Barbara Kilduff in Lawrence Public Library's Sargent Auditorium, 151 Lawrence St. Accompanied by pianist Brian Moll, she will sing music by Mozart, Debussy, and Strauss in French, German, Italian and English. She will also perform songs written especially for her voice by Argento. Free; all welcome. Presented by Friends of the Lawrence Public Library and funded by Catherine McCarthy Memorial Trust. 978-794-5786 or www.lawrencefreelibrary.org.

The Evolution and Origin of the Steel Pan, 2 p.m. a lecture with Justin Perry. Focus on the only acoustical instrument invented in the 20th century. Free; all welcome. Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, Andover. 978-623-8401.

Faculty Jazz Ensemble in concert, 3 p.m. in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Andover. Free; all welcome. 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

ONGOING

Art

ADDISON GALLERY. "Coming of Age: American Art, 1850s to



Visitors such as Catherine Crooke (center), Phillips class of 2007, take in Jennifer Bartlett's plate work at the Addison Gallery opening on Friday.

1950s" through Jan. 7, 2007; "Jennifer Bartlett: Early Plate Work" through Dec. 10; "Growing the Addison: Recent Acquisitions" through December; "Wendy Ewald: American Alphabets" through December. 180 Main St., Andover. 978-749-4015.

ALPERS FINE ART. "Expanses," paintings by Priscilla Seratin, through Oct. 22. 2 Main St., Andover. 978-470-0013.

ANDOVER INN. "Illuminations," paintings by Dennis Sheehan, through Oct. 22. Open Sat. 10

p.m. daily. 4 Chapel Lane, Andover.

ART SHOW. "The Art of the Annisquam Art Show" will feature work by local artists. Open at the New England Art Center, Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Annisquam Village Hall. Free. All welcome. 12 Leonard St., Gloucester. 978-283-3053.

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BRUSH GALLERY AND STUDIOS. Features "Art Quilt: New England/New York 2000" quilt exhibit, through Oct. 29. 256 Market St., Lowell. 978-459-8899.

BUTTONWOODS MUSEUM. "From Our View," art by students of all ages, through Oct. 20. Open for reception Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 240 Water St., Haverhill. 978-374-4020.

DANVERS ART. Art Association features "The Art of the Danvers Art Association" through Oct. 20. Open for reception Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 240 Water St., Haverhill. 978-374-4020.

ENDICOTT COLLEGE. "The Art of the Endicott College" through Oct. 20. Open for reception Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 240 Water St., Haverhill. 978-374-4020.

ERLICH GALLERY. Works by Rick Fleury, Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover. 978-725-6232.

ESSEX ART. "The Art of the Essex Art Center" through Oct. 20. Open for reception Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 240 Water St., Haverhill. 978-374-4020.

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On Thursday Oct. 12, Katherine Paterson and Bruce Watson will be at the Andover Bookstore for a combined author event.

Each has recently written a book about the strike of textile workers in Lawrence. Paterson's new book *Bread & Roses*. Too is written for younger readers. She has written *Lydie*, *The Bridge to Terebithia*, and has twice won the Newbery Award for children's and young adult books. Bruce Watson's recent book *Bread and Roses* has just been released in paperback. It is a comprehensive history for adult readers, complete with photos and local stories.

The free event will be 7 p.m., at 89 Rear Main St., Andover. Call 978-475-0143 for information.



Katherine Paterson



Bruce Watson

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On Sunday, Oct. 22 at 3 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present Exsultemus, a period vocal ensemble featuring Shannon Canavin, soprano, PA '91 and Aaron Russo, countertenor, PA '94.

This concert will take place in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Exsultemus is composed of eight of Boston's leading young singers, all of whom are active in performing early music from a historical performance perspective and have performed with such distinguished ensembles as the Handel & Haydn Society, Boston Baroque, Blue Heron, Apollo's Fire - the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, the Vox Consort, and the Choir of the Church of the Advent.

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Admission is free to the Phillips Academy community with ID. Reserved seating: \$35; General seating: \$15. Call 857-998-0219 or tickets will be available at the door. Inquiries regarding this performance may be directed to the school's music department at 978-749-4263, or e-mail music@andover.edu

EVENTS CALENDAR

NIGHT OF JAZZ



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Enjoy a Jazzy evening out at the Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. An Evening of Jazz featuring The Stanley Swann Trio with Joel La Rue Smith on piano, Herman Hampton on acoustic bass, and Stanley C. Swann III on drums. This trio performs great Jazz and Afro-Cuban grooves with power, drive and finesse. An evening of music and refreshments hosted by The Brush Art Gallery resident artists. For information or directions, call 978-459-7819 or visit www.thebrush.org. Cost of tickets is \$9, \$10 at the door.

Watercolor Society's 10th Biennial North American Open Show through Oct. 27. Theme is "Summer in New England." Opening reception Sunday, Oct. 8, 2 to 4 p.m. 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester. 978-283-1857.

ROCKPORT ARTS. Fall group art show through Oct. 13: "New Horizons," a collection by Barbara Donnelly, through Oct. 13; "Harry A. Vincent and His Contemporaries" Saturday, Oct. 7 through Nov. 12. Opening reception Friday, Oct. 6, 6 to 9 p.m. 12 Main St., Rockport. 978-546-6604.

SALEM STATE. College features collection of silverpoint, drawings done on material in silver, by Susan Schwalb through Oct. 19 in the Winifsky Gallery. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by appointment. Ellison Campus Center, Loring Avenue, Salem. 978-542-6515.

SALTBOX GALLERY. "Fall Palette," pastels, etchings, pottery, and other artwork reflecting autumn in New England, through Nov. 10. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. 49 Main St., Topsfield. 978-887-3844.

UMASS LOWELL. University Library features prints by Stephen Mishol through Friday, Oct. 6.

Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays by appointment. McGovern Student Union, 71 Wilder St., Lowell. 978-934-3491.

WEILER GALLERY. "Gloucester Schooner Races, 1988 to 2005," black and white photographs by Joseph Flack Weiler, through Oct. 15. Friday through Sunday, noon to 9 p.m., or by appointment. 77 Rocky Neck Ave., Gloucester. 978-281-6443.

Children/Families

OCEAN LIFE. Joppa Flats will present "Imagine, Sing, and Learn: Sharks and Rays" Thursday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. or 1 p.m. Cost \$12. Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. 978-462-9998 or www.massaudubon.org.

SATURDAY EXPLORATIONS. The Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary will present Saturday Explorations: Birds of Prey Saturday, Oct. 7, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Presentation and walk for families with children 5 and up. Cost \$9, \$7 children. Advance registration required. 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. 978-887-9264 or www.massaudubon.org.

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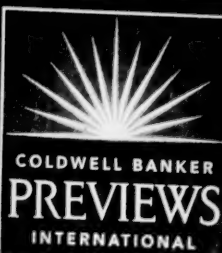
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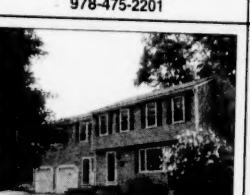
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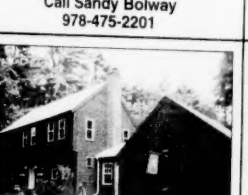
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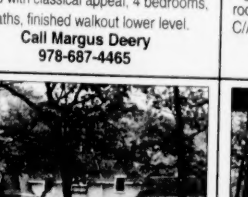
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THE BACK PAGE

Digging into the mail bag leads to ... Stinky the Pig



Bill Dalton

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of writing "The Back Page" is the number of interesting e-mails I get, especially those that offer new information that I can pass on to you.

THE CLAY PIT

My Poms Pond column brought a lot of responses about other swimming holes in town. Two people mentioned the "Clay Pit" in the Shawsheen River. It is a few hundred yards down Andover Street from the "Horn Bridge" (at Central Street) toward Ballardvale. The first writer is George Walsh who, with his wife Martha (Allen) Walsh, lives in a house he was born in at 28 Essex St. The second writer is Loring Batchelder, who was born on a farm on Argilla Road in 1927 and now lives in Lexington. Each of them describes the Clay Pit as the location of a drowning, but they are talking about separate incidents, the first in the late '30s, the second in 1951.

Here's how Mr. Walsh describes the tragedy that happened in mid-summer, 1951: "We left the Cricket Field about 7:30 p.m., walking along the railroad tracks heading toward the Vale. There was a big bunch of kids. We crossed the train trestle [above Horn Bridge] and the walked a well worn path along the river. Everyone dove in and after a short time noticed [I omitted the name so no relatives need be unnecessarily saddened] was not around. Bill Lucey, Eddie Lefebvre and Tom Pearl found him under water and carried him to the river bank and everyone was scared out of their wits. Someone contacted help and ... the police and fire arrived at 8:18. The police responding were Frank Koza, Dick Caldwell and Henry Smith; firemen were Joe Gaudette, Jim Gillen and Tunny Deyermund. They were joined by a husband and wife, both doctors, who took over and started artificial respiration. They were Arim Meloir and his wife Ellen both of Andover." At the time, George adds, there were no houses around the Clay Pit, just cows.

Loring Batchelder says that after working on the farm all day or "delivering milk produced at Rolling Acres Farm" it would feel good to walk down to the Clay Pit or go to Poms to cool off. One day coming home from Poms, he saw there was a lot of activity near the Clay Pit. He witnessed a fireman in a rowboat locate the body of a

drowning victim, an out-of-town boy visiting a Ballardvale family. When Loring went home, he promised his mother he would never swim in the Clay Pit again.

If anyone has more information about the Clay Pit, please send it along.

THE ESSEX TURNPIKE

My last two columns were about the splitting of the two Andovers that culminated in 1855. Paul Guerard, a long-time resident of Andover, who lives on Azalea Drive, made a fine observation about the role the Essex Turnpike played in dividing the Andovers.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Guerard has been an associate warden at the Goldsmith Reservation, which is on the west side of South Main Street. He says taking care of Bessie Goldsmith's land trust has brought him closer to her role in Andover's history and taught him about the importance of the Essex Turnpike, which is now Route 28 or Main Street in Andover. He explained that it has been 200 years since the General Court gave the approval for the Essex Turnpike toll road to link the Concord Turnpike at the New Hampshire line with the Reading and Medford Turnpikes. When it was built it created a direct ride to Boston. Anyone making the trip would have to pay three tolls.

The main branch went right through the South Parish, now Andover's center. Not only did the turnpike create a direct link between the South Parish and Boston, says Paul, the South Parish became a "vital stopover" for traffic between New Hampshire and Boston. Both branches of the Essex Turnpike bypassed the center of the North Parish, now North Andover, further creating a divide between the two parishes. The turnpike was an economic boon to businesses close by. Manufacturers had easier access to raw materials and quicker ways to deliver their product. Stores and inns had more customers. Paul points out it was only 40 years after the Essex Turnpike that Andover and North Andover split.

I quote him: "I speculate that the [t]urnpike contributed to the division as the South Parish became more 'commercial' with increased goods and services passing through and/or emanating from its center. The rail line from Wilmington to South Parish, just before the town's breakup, supplanted the roadway and reinforced the notion that this section of town was different. North Parish, on the other hand, continued in its more rural ways. I would note that the Salem branch of the [t]urnpike, now Route 114, served as the approx-

imate cutoff line between the two towns."

THE PAPER STORE AND STINKY THE PIG

Many people remembered fondly The Paper Store, the Wilson family who owned it, and Mrs. Muise, a long-time employee. Sweet memories of buying candy and comics in the store were common themes.

Peg Blake, who lives at Washington Park, remembers a Mr. Chase who lived at 124 Summer St., across the street from where she grew up. She believes it was Mr. Chase or a close relative who sold the Paper Store to the Wilsons in 1927. Mr. Chase would invite the neighborhood kids over on the Fourth of July and fire a small cannon; it was a really loud blast. She said his yard was beautiful, with flowers everywhere, and you could walk through his backyard all the way to where Merrimack College is today. Mr. Chase died sometime at the beginning of World War II, and the house was taken over by the Weamer family. According to Peg, the father, Pete Weamer, was the superintendent at Tyer Rubber.

I quote Peg: "The Weamers had a victory garden, but also had chickens, ducks and a pig which they were raising for food. The pig escaped one day and all the men in the neighborhood went out looking for 'Stinky the pig.' He was found over at the 'ledge.' Do you remember that? It was between Summer, Washington Avenue, and the Elm Street area. They must have quarried stone there at one time because you could climb down into it. We used to go picking blueberries there. My memory is a little fuzzy on the exact area, but it was behind Weamer's house. It took a few men to haul Stinky out of the ledge and he soon was sent to the slaughter house."

Peg said there was a pond behind the Chase/Weamer house. She didn't know if it was manmade or natural, but said, "In the winter, blocks of ice were cut and stored in the icehouse where food was stored. This was common at that time. My grandfather had an icehouse on his property. It was stone and built over a brook that ran thru the property. In the summer my grandmother would go and sit there to cool off. The stone walls held the cold for a long time."

Peg went on to say that, after the war, the house was sold to Stanley Swanton who built an additional house on the property. He was one of the owners of

Elander and Swanton clothing store, which was next to The Paper Store on Main Street.

I looked up Mr. Chase in a 1935 street directory. Herbert F. Chase was living at 124 Summer St. and was listed as retired. In the Andover Historical Society's 1995 book, "Andover, a Century of Change" by Eleanor Motley Richardson, Herbert Chase is described as owning a bicycle shop on Post Office Avenue very early in the 20th Century. When the ARCO building was built on Main Street in 1907, Herbert Chase's bicycle shop became the first tenant. Omar Chase, who then owned The Paper Store, moved into the building soon after. I'm quite sure that Herbert and Omar were brothers. Herbert Chase sold his bicycle business to Bill Poland in 1929, who expanded into other sporting goods.

Now, follow me closely. Several months ago, I wrote a column on Andover's degrees of separation. As further proof of my theory, I received an e-mail from Martha (Allen) Walsh, mentioned in the Clay Pit story above. She says that her Uncle, Bill Poland, owned a sporting good store near The Paper Store. She was too young to remember her uncle's store, but does remember going into The Paper Store with her Aunt Kit (Poland) Bickell. Her Aunt Kit was a good friend of my Aunt Frances, who was a painter and art teacher. My Aunt Frances did a charcoal drawing of Kit, and it hangs in the Walsh home.

This may be too confusing, but, to add to my theory, Loring Batchelder's nephew is Jim Batchelder, one of my Aunt Frances' favorite and best art students. When the Old Town Hall was refurbished in the late '80s, Jim collected some of my aunt's paintings and put on a retrospective of her work there. He is very active with the Andover Historical Society. To see the degrees of separation column or others go to billdaltononline.com. There, you will note that I promised never to mention the theory again. I lied.

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